# Spain Steps Up Pressure on Canada in **Boat Dispute**

Madrid Sets Visa Rules And Calls for Vessels To Start Fishing Again

> By Tom Buerkle tional Herald Tribone

BRUSSELS - Spain on Tuesday stepped up pressure on Canada to free a Spanish trawler seized in a fishing dispute by imposing visa requirements on Canadian visitors and urging other Spanish boats to resume fishing off Newfoundland.

Canada said it would not back down in the dispute and said that Spanish ships had resumed fishing in international waters in a "provocative" resumer.

a "provocative" manner. European Union and Canadian officials

played down talk of retaliatory sanctions in an attempt to prevent the dispute from leading to a wider trade war, but each side continued to accuse the other of bad faith. The EU fisheries commissioner, Emma

Bonino, said Canada had "taken hostage the whole international community" by seizing the vessel, the Estai, in international waters on Thursday. She said the Union was willing to negotiate over fishing rights in the area, but only after Canada frees the boat, its cargo and captain.

Prospects for a negotiated solution appeared to improve late Tuesday as a court in St. John's, Newfoundland, freed the vessel's captain.

The captain, Enrique Davila González, ppeared briefly in court on charges of illegal fishing. The captain, who had been free on bail, can now leave the country, but the Estai remains under Canadian control.

EU officials protested indications that Canada would seize the Estai's cargo and et a bond of 5 million Canadian dollars (\$3.5 million) on the boat

Earlier, Canadian officials presented ev idence that they contended justified the seizure. Officials said inspections showed that the Estai had used nets smaller than the legal size and caught young fish, prac-tices that hinder efforts to rebuild depleted

We have an obligation in Canada to help to protect the resources of Canada and the resources of the rest of the world." Trade Minister Roy MacLaren said in Australia, where he was on an official visit. "We're not going to stand by again and see the devastation of the halibut fisheries."

Spain continued to take a tough line in the dispute. Foreign Minister Javier So-lana Madariaga said the government was "contemplating all means available within the law and within diplomatic rules," including the possibility of cutting trade and diplomatic relations.

Spanish shipowners also urged about 20 boats in the northwest Atlantic to resume fishing despite the risk of further clashes with Canada.

But EU officials refused to speculate about possible trade sauctions.

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"I'm interested in de-escalating this thing, not escalating it," said Sir Leon Brittan, the EU trade commissioner.

The Union's primary fear is that Canada is using the dispute to push its jurisdiction beyond the 200-mile (325-kilometer) limit now recognized under the United Nations

Convention on the Law of the Sea. The Canadian ambassador to the Union fueled those fears Tuesday, saying Canada would seek clearer rights for coastal states to protect migratory fish stocks beyond the 200-mile limit when nations that have signed the convention meet in New York



A RETURN TO IWO JIMA — U.S. veterans taking pictures Tuesday of a rusted Japanese cannon on the island. Several hundred U.S. and Japanese survivors took part in 50th-anniversary ceremonies of the 36-day battle. Page 6.

# U.S. Tells Russia: Don't Be Afraid of NATO

# Clinton to Exchange Letters With Yeltsin on Alliance's Goals

By Steven Greenhouse New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Eager to reduce Russia's opposition to expanding NATO, President Bill Clinton is planning to exchange letters with President Boris N. Yeltsin to assure him that NATO no longstocks around the Grand Banks off New- er is an anti-Russian alliance, according to senior administration officials.

The officials said that they were going out of their way to make Mr. Yeltsin feel comfortable about extending NATO into Eastern Europe in hopes of easing tensions that have developed not only over NATO but also over Russia's offensive in the breakaway region of Chechnya and Moscow's plans to build nuclear reactors in

At the heart of the decision to exchange

Russia that NATO views it as a superpower and wants to establish a special dialogue with it on security issues.

As part of the closely coordinated exchange of letters, Mr. Yeltsin is expected to outline his nonhostile view of what Russia's relationship should be with

The letters, which officials said would be exchanged over the next 10 days, will as intended to address a worrisome perception among Russians that NATO is hiding information as it moves to expand and that NATO's 16 nations see Russia as a country little more powerful than Poland or

Although the content of the letters is being fleshed out, administration officials said that this new NATO dialogue with Russia would be an important new feature

letters, officials said, is a desire to convince of post-Cold War security arrangements in

For the administration, the letters are also important to remove an irritant before Mr. Clinton visits Moscow, probably before June 30. Mr. Yeltsin is pressing Mr. Clinton to visit Moscow on May 9 and 10 to celebrate, along with the Russian Army, Nazi Germany.

The White House has kelle off on accepting the invitation. But because the president has made a public commitment to visit Russia in any case by the end of June, his aides said he questioned the wisdom of abandoning what might be an important incentive to Moscow. They now say he has decided to leave open the prospect of a May visit in hopes of inducing Mr. Yeltsin

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# Clinton Says No Deal On Iran's Oil Fields

# Executive Order Serves to Warn Tehran and Pressure Europeans

By Paul F. Horvitz

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton, hoping to further isolate Iran and set an example for Western allies, drew on his executive powers Tuesday to prevent an American oil company from developing Iran's Gulf oil fields.

In a statement issued by the White House, Mr. Clinton said he would issue an order that would prohibit American companies from "entering into contracts for the financing or the overall supervision and management of the development of petroleum resources in Iran."

The order was prompted by a deal an-nounced last week in which a Dutch affiliate of Conoco Inc., Conoco Iran N.V., agreed to develop two Gulf oil and gas fields for the Iranian government that could yield 120,000 barrels of crude a day.

Conoco, based in Houston, is owned by the Delaware-based E.I. du Pont de Ne-

mours & Company and is the ninth-largest oil company in the United States. Mr. Clinton's order not only blocked the development agreement and put Tehran on notice about dealing with U.S. energy companies, but it may also put greater pressure on European nations negotiating contracts with Tehran.

France, Germany and Russia are among the countries the White House hopes to influence; the U.S. particularly hopes to prevent Iran from buying nuclear reactors.

The administration called for its trading partners to follow its lead. "The U.S. will be renewing diplomatic efforts with Iran's principal trading partners urging them to ake measures comparable with those of the U.S.," said Peter Tarnoff, undersecre-

tary of state for political affairs. U.S.-based multinational oil companies purchase about one-fourth of Iran's oil but sell it outside the United States, thus adhering to a ban on importing Iranian oil to the United States.

But this practice is under fire in Con-Chancellor Helmut Wohl of Germany when he was asked about German efforts A Response From Iran

to do business with Iran. In any case, it appeared likely that Iran will eventually develop the oil fields: Two French oil companies, Elf Aquitaine SA and Total SA, had competed with Conoco for the development project, and Royal announced by the Foreign Ministry, Dutch/Shell was also said to have been a Deputy Foreign Minister Hussein Sheik.

bidder.

Du Pont's board of directors, including Edgar M. Bronfman, co-chairman of the Seagram Company and a leading figure in

the World Jewish Congress. Mr. Bronfman and two other Seagram officials on the Du Pont board were expected to vote against the Conoco deal, making it unlikely that it would go

After the White House statement, Con-oco announced that it would not proceed with the Iran deal.

The Houston Chronicle newspaper reported Tuesday that some Clinton administration officials suggested that Conoco had asked for an executive order blocking the deal to provide a graceful withdrawal.
Indeed, Mr. McCurry said the White House "worked cooperatively with the se-

nior executives of Conoco.' Mr. Clinton, and other U.S. presidents before him, have sought to isolate Iran economically and diplomatically, saying Tehran supports terrorist groups, works to undermine peace efforts in the Middle East and seeks to dominate the Gulf region

by acquiring nuclear weapons. To permit the Conoco deal to go through, the White House said, would "contribute to Iran's productive capacity

and its economic and financial strength."

Mr. McCurry also said, "We need to send a clear and unequivocal message to Iran: There cannot be normal relations until Iran's unacceptable behavior

White House aides said an executive order was being drafted Tuesday, but may not be signed for several days.

The Conoco deal was the first such oil agreement signed with Iran since the fall of the shah in 1979. The United States banned commercial trade with Iran that year after the seizure of the U.S. Embassy in Tehran by Islamic militants, but White House officials acknowledged last week that the Conoco deal appeared to be legal.

Mr. Clinton was reported to have acted under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, which permits such

An Iranian official said the order barring U.S. investment in Iran showed Mr. Clinton's true views on free trade, Reuters reported from Dubai.

"The official position of Iran will be Deputy Foreign Minister Hussein Sheikholeslam said by telephone. "All I can say The New York Times reported that the offhand is that now we understand Bill Conoco deal disturbed three members of Clinton's definition of free trade.'

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# Noted U.S. Blacks Put Weight on Nigeria

By Kevin Merida Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — A group of prominent African-Americans is launching a campaign to pressure Nigeria's military rulers to restore democracy there — the first time such an influential group of American blacks has aggressively targeted a black African government, organizers

The effort will include newspaper ads condemning the military regime and possibly protests at the Nigerian Embassy here. It is being led by TransAfrica, a Washing-

"We will oppose the Nigerian govern-ment with as much tenacity as we opposed the South African government, with as much tenacity as we opposed the military regime in Haiti," said Randall Robinson, TransAfrica's executive director. "It is not easy to publicly criticize black leadership. It is uncomfortable and disquieting. But we are left with no alternative."

The effort is being backed by a crosssection of black politicians, scholars, entertainers, civil rights leaders and other notable figures. They include the poet Maya Angelou, the television host Bryant Gumbel, and the former presidential can-didate Jesse L. Jackson. Also involved is

lege's president, Johnnetta B. Cole, and the former welterweight boxing champion Sugar Ray Leonard. An author, Alice Walker, and the Baltimore mayor, Kurt L. Schmoke, are included, too.

The campaign, to be announced at a news conference Thursday, follows other lobbying efforts that have elevated the influence of TransAfrica and broadened the scope of black participation in foreign

Most recently, the organization was credited with heightening public aware-ness of conditions in Haiti, particularly through a fast by Mr. Robinson. That effort contributed to changes in U.S. poli-

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#### ton-based lobbying organization for African and Caribbean issues. Representative J.C. Watts, a first-term Republican from Oklahoma, Spelman Col-

By William Booth

MIAMI - In a move both radical and old-fashioned, Florida has become the first American state to propose throwing away its rule books and making decisions based

Where would society be without rules? Better off, says Fiorida's governor, Lawton Chiles, a Democrat who strapped on a back brace last week to hold aloft 50 them — that his agencies are ready to gut immediately.

One state agency, the Department of Transportation, has proposed getting rid of every one of its rules for a period of three years and replacing them with loose guidelines that would set out goals but allow bureaucrats

'Common sense and flexibility! That's a radical

thought, but every once in a while we bureaucrats come up with something strange," said Florida's transportation secretary, Ben G. Watts.

Mr. Chiles has proposed repealing at least half of Florida's 28,750 rules by the end of the 1996 legislative

session, leaving only those deemed crucial to public health and safety.

tion, land development, transportation, education, com-

but he needs legislative approval to cut thousands more. Many observers say such approval will be forthcoming. The proposal has broad bipartisan support, but its details are now just emerging, and some critics are wary

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# Florida Says It's Had Enough of Playing by the Rules

Washington Past Service

on common sense.

pounds (20 kilograms) of state regulations - 3,500 of

to make decisions on their own.

The regulations cover health, environmental protec-

merce, business licensing and contracting. Mr. Chiles can cut several thousand by executive order,

# The Dismal Science? Economics Profs Hit Pay Dirt

By Sylvia Nasar New York Times Service

"I don't care who writes a nation's laws or crafts its advanced treaties — if I can write its economics textbooks."

--- Paul Samuelson CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts - N. Gregory Mankiw, a dweeby 37-year-old

Newsstand Prices Andorra. 9 00 FF Lexembourg. 60 L Fr Antilles. 11 20 FF Morocco 12 Dh Cameroon 1400 CFA Catar. 8 00 Rials  Keynes, was not counting on getting rich Most academics, even at Harvard, don't.

But a phone call from a Texas publisher changed all that. Mr. Mankiw was offered a \$1.4 million

advance by Harcourt Brace in Fort Worth to write a basic economics textbook. That's about three times as big as any other in the college textbook market and rivals those of all but a few celebrity au-

So what's going on? It is a race among once-stodgy textbook publishers to find the next blockbuster economics textbook, a book that will shape the thinking of the 1.5 million college studenis who sign up for Econ 101 each year. This introductory course is both the first

and the last brush that most educated

Americans have with supply and demand,

economics professor who named his dog marginal cost, comparative advantage and other first principles of the dismal science. Such a book is long overdue. For nearly a half-century, students have learned the essentials of economics from Paul Samuelson, now almost 80, and a score of his

disciples and imitators. But Mr. Samuelson's "Economics" and its many clones reflect the mindset of a post-Depression generation of scholars who thought they understood the economy well enough to tell Washington how to manage the ups and downs of the business

Meanwhile, the world has changed. And so has what most economists believe. But for all the shifts in thinking, previous attempts to sell a mold-breaking economics textbook have wound up costing publishers money. Most college students are learning from books that many in the field view as outdated.

"We're really not teaching basic economics," said Paul Krugman, an economist at Stanford University who is also writing an introductory textbook. "We're not getting it across at all."

That's where the wooing of Mr. Mankiw and a handful of other new-wave economics superstars comes in.

Textbook publishers are placing big bets that these people will sell lots of books.

In the past, ambitious young economists like Mr. Mankiw left textbook writing to older or less-distinguished colleagues. They concentrated instead on the kind of esoteric research that might win them a Nobel prize. But now some are jumping at the chance

to mold the minds of the next generation of political leaders, executives, image-See DISMAL?, Page 6

# AGENDA



PEACE OPENING — Warren M. Christopher, U.S. secretary of state, after talks in Jerusalem and before going to Damascus. He announced Tuesday that Israel and Syria would reopen negotiations. Page 6.

# Suspicion of Fraud at Crédit Lyonnais

Prime Minister Edouard Balladur ordered an investigation Tuesday into possible fraud at Credit Lyonnais, as huge losses were reported at the troubled state-owned bank.

"There appears to have been embezzlement," Mr. Alphandery said Tuesday in a television interview.

Mr. Balladur, who is waging an uphill campaign for the French presidency.

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Finance Minister Edmond Alphanasked the minister to find out what had happened. "All measures will be taken dery said Credit Lyonnais had accumulated liabilities of about 50 billion to punish those who may be found responsible," Mr. Balladur said. (Page 11) francs (\$10 billion).

Mubarak's Stumbling Regime THE AMERICAS

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# Despite Plaudits of West, Mubarak Regime Is Stumbling

By John Lancaster
Weshington Post Service

AIRO — The scene was a familiar one, President Hosni Mubarak and an American secretary of state, side-by-side in the glittering reception room of Ittihadiya Palace. And as usual, Warren M. Christopher put in a good word for his host.

It was, Mr. Christopher said, "not an accident" that many of his 12 trips to the Middle East had begun with a visit to Mr. Mubarak, one of America's strongest allies in the region and a longtime partner in the

search for Middle East peace.
But if Mr. Mubarak still wins plaudits from the West, his record at home is far less

After almost 14 years in power, the Mu-barak regime is floundering, beset by bureaucratic paralysis, cronyism and wide-spread allegations of corruption, including charges against members of Mr. Mubarak's family. Economic reforms have slowed or stalled. Mr. Mubarak's claims of "democratization" have been undermined by his brutally efficient crackdown on Islamic militants and, more recently, political opponents who share their goal of an Islam-

The security campaign has been effective: At least for now, militant violence has been confined to Upper Egypt, and the all-impor-tant tourist industry is starting to rebound after two disastrous years.

But the government's record in attacking the social causes of the unrest looks far less impressive. Despite the infusion of \$35 billion in American aid over the past 17 years, most Egyptians seem to have little to show for it. Half of them still cannot read. Unem-ployment is stuck at 17 percent. Living standards have eroded. The population, meanwhile, is projected to swell from 60 million today to 104 million by 2025.

VEN Mr. Mubarak's relationship with the United States has hit a rough patch. He has irritated American officials by threatening to withhold support for extending the nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty if Israel does not sign the accord, as Egypt has. U.S. officials, who have not pressed Israel to sign the accord, say Egypt's failure to support its extension could cause it to unravel.

Perhaps the biggest uncertainty for Mr. Mubarak is whether popular discontent could seep into Egypt's 400,000-man army, which so far has remained above the political fray despite some erosion of status and benefits over the last several years.

"You can see in the streets that people are suffering, and possibly that is a greater threat to the stability of the regime than a few gun-toting militants," said a Western diplomat who asked not to be identified. "There's no delegation of responsibility. There's no motivation of the work force, and power is concentrated in the hands of very few people."

Western governments have long enjoyed a close relationship with Mr. Mubarak, a former air force chief of staff who was vice president under Anwar Sadat and took over as president upon Mr. Sadat's assassination in 1981. He supported the peace process and backed the U.S.-led coalition to eject Iraqi forces from Kuwait, in 1991.

On the domestic front, Mr. Mubarak established a reputation as a largely benevo-



President Mubarak bowing before the flags of Egypt and Japan during a welcoming ceremony in Tokyo on Tuesday.

lent dictator, known to agonize over the social costs of tiny adjustments in food or gas subsidies. He presided over major im-provements in roads, sewers, telephones and other amenities of modern life, many paid

But change has come far more slowly to the country's political institutions. Some of Mr. Mubarak's cabinet ministers have served for a decade or more. The governing National Democratic Party dominates the Parliament, and Mr. Mubarak has shown scant interest in allowing that to change.

The party has huge advantages over its competition, controlling the distribution of patronage jobs and favors as well as broadcast media, of paramount importance in a country with 50 percent illiteracy. From all indications, moreover, the regime is moving to tighten its grip, ruling out a slate system in parliamentary elections next fall that some opposition leaders contend sons. Many Egyptians and some diplomats

would have given them a better chance. | "They're centralizing control," a Western diplomat said

Mr. Mubarak sometimes seems to run the government almost single-handedly, personally approving major investment projects and, in one recent case, issuing an order for playground equipment in rural villages.

UT to his critics, that claim only reinforced an impression of imperi-ousness. "He has no advisers," said a former insider. "Since the Gulf War, the president has tended to tell people what to do. He has become a very bad listener. He has become cocky. Ruling Egypt looks very easy to him."

Mr. Mubarak's popularity has not been

helped by pervasive rumors about the business activities of senior officials and their relatives, including Mr. Mubarak's two believe that officials have become rich off commissions from companies that do business with the government. Government spokesmen deny the charges and say they are circulated by political opponents to discredit the regime.

The government's biggest handicap may be inertia, a weakness that shows up most clearly in the economic realm. In exchange for promises of debt relief, Egypt has embarked on a program of economic restructuring. By most accounts, the government got off to a promising start, curbing inflation, cutting budget deficits and removing

some trade barriers, among other things. But the regime has so far failed to follow through on the toughest part of the pro-gram, selling off inefficient public-sector factories and businesses that are a legacy of Egypt's Soviet-style, centrally planned economy. So far, only a handful have been

HE government's desperately overmanned bureaucracy, meanwhile, continues to deter foreign investors. Importers complain that 22 signatures are required to liberate a food shipment from Egyptian customs, and legal disputes can drag on for a decade or more.

Security is one area where the regime has proved capable of decisive action. But the cost has been high in terms of abuses such as torture, extrajudicial killings, imprisonment without trial and mass arrests.

The government recently has expanded its campaign to include not just the militants but its main Islamic fundamentalist opposition, the Muslim Brotherhood, whose middle- and upper-middle-class member-ship also dominates professional unions for lawyers, doctors and engineers.

Security forces have arrested several dozen Muslim Brotherhood leaders and ranken Musium Brothernood leaders and tank-and-file members, holding them under emergency laws that permit detention of suspected terrorists. The government also-has gone after the unions, passing a law to place union elections under supervision of the individual in the agreement hid to diminish the judiciary in an apparent bid to diminish the influence of the fundamentalists.

"The government cannot beat us in elections, so they're hitting us below the belt," said Salah Abdel Kareem, a British-educated aerospace engineer. He estimated that 80 percent of the union's governing board are

The government campaign appeared to cross a threshold with the arrest last December of Adel Hussein, a prominent writer and general secretary of the opposition Labor Party, which is closely tied to the fundamentalist was appeared.

ROSECUTORS said Mr. Hussein was arrested following the discovery of militant literature on an airline seat he had occupied on a flight from London. Mr. Hussein denied the charge. A Western diplomat noted that the arrest came shortly after Mr. Hussein wrote an article attacking official corruption.

Mr. Hussein was held in Cairo's infamous

Tora prison, where, he said in an interview, he stayed for the first two days in a lightless cell with no mattress, a filthy toilet and single blanket. Conditions gradually improved following international press coverage of his confinement, he said, and he was released after 24 days.

"Everyone understood that it was meant to scare the opposition," he said. "It meant that a new phase has started." Government officials acknowledge as

much. They say Mr. Mubarak and his advisers concluded six months ago that the Muslim Brotherhood's claims of moderation were disingenuous, since it shares the militants' goal of an Islamic state. "These people can be much more dangerous than bullets. Why? Because they are spreading the concepts," said Nabil Osman, chairman of Egypt's State Information Service. "Their

claim of moderation — it's lip service."

Few suggest the regime is in imminent danger. The army, Mr. Mubarak's main pillar of support, continues to enjoy gener-ous perks. Mr. Mubarak approved a pay raise last year despite the budget deficit.

But pressures on the army are likely to intensity, especially if the United States reduces its \$2.1 billion annual aid package, more than half of which goes to the military. The sum covers 56 percent of the military

# Britain **Pulls 400 Troops Out** Of Ulster

By Fred Barbash

LONDON - Britain on Tuesday announced its first troop reduction in Northern Ireland since the August ceasefire, small in size but large in significance.

The redeployment of 400 of 18,000 soldiers stationed in the province signals government confidence in the peace that has prevailed there since Catholic and Protestant paramilitaries ceased their terrorism last fall. Though officials said the de-

cision was based exclusively on a lessened need for their pres-ence, officials also hope it will encourage the Irish Republican Army, on the Catholic side, and their counterparts on the Prot-estant "loyalist" side to talk se-riously about eliminating their stockpiles of weapons and ex-plosives. A lack of progress on that subject is stalling talks between the government and representatives of the paramilitary organizations.

Those discussions, if successnose discussions, if successful, are to be followed by nego-tiations involving all the politi-cal parties in Northern Ireland

on a permanent settlement.

The British government first sent troops to Northern Ireland in 1969, when widespread sec-tarian violence left the police incapable of restoring order. They have been there ever since, patrolling the streets of Belfast in armored vehicles.

More than 3,300 people, including 445 British soldiers, have been killed in the violence. The government has already reduced the profile of the military in the six months of peace. first replacing their helmets with berets and then using pa-

trols only at night.
"This decision has been taken solely on the basis of the operational judgment of the security forces' commanders." said Patrick Mayhew, the Northern Ireland secretary, as he made the announcement. "It reflects the improved security situation and is a further step towards nonnality."

He said the government would reverse itself should the

situation require it.

The slight reduction produced a rare moment of agreement from political leaders on both sides of the Catholic-Protestant divide, who said they approved of the measure.

While there was peace in the streets in Northern Ireland on Tuesday, a riot erupted among loyalist prisoners in the provguards were reported injured in the disturbance. Officials said the noting — which include the setting of fires — appeared to have begun when guards at-

tempted to search a cell. ■ U.S.-British Rift Denied

The White House said that President Bill Clinton tried unsuccessfully to reach Prime Minister John Major by telephone on Monday, but it demied that the failure was due to a dispute over U.S. policy toward Northern Ireland, Renters reported from Washington.

The White House spokesman, Michael McCurry, confirmed Tuesday that Mr. Clinton had tried to call Mr. Major but that the prime minister was traveling and "they didn't connect." He denied reports that Mr. Major had snubbed Mr. Clinton to show his displeasure over the warm U.S. reception for Gerry Adams, the leader of Sinn Fein.

But Mr. McCurry said reports of a British-American rift were overblown. He said that Washington and London enjoyed a "warm and special relationship that British analysts declare dead at least once a month.

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Asked why Mr. Clinton was trying to reach Mr. Major, he said: "To chat." Britain, he said, was "one of our closest allies in the world, and they confer regularly."

# Muslims Protest Anew at Site of a Deadly Clash in Istanbul

ISTANBUL — Surrounded by security officers, about 1,000 protesters returned Tuesday to the site of clashes in which at least 15 people died.

More than a thousand policethe protesters, who gathered in the street where a battle erupted Monday between the police and lims had been protesting a

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trict Sunday.

Thousands of demonstrators ed. also took to the streets of downtown Istanbul on Tuesday. men and soldiers cordoned off Alawite Association, said Tues- ed. day that a final count at hospi-

deadly attack on their community in the Gaziosmanpasa disbelieved to be in detention. Sunni Muslims over what the About 150 people were wound-

But Prime Minister Tansu Ciller said 15 demonstrators general for the Gaziosmanpasa and 28 policemen were wound-

Alawites, who account for 10 tal morgues showed that 25 pro-million to 20 million of Turtesters were killed on Monday key's population of 60 million. members of a moderate Islamic after the police opened fire sev- are members of a progressive group, the Alawites. The Museral times to disperse the crowd. Islamic group that supports "Another 70 people are miss- Turkey's secular system. They

fundamentalists view as lax religious practices.

The protests on Monday were prompted by gunmen's at-Ali Riza Tali, a secretary- died. She added that 6 soldiers tacks on four coffeehouses and a bakery frequented by Alawites. Two people were The Alawite district was qui-killed and 25 were wounded in et Tuesday, although littered the assaults.

escape from the scene.

groups, the Great Eastern Is-lamic Raiders Front and the Turkish Revenge Brigade, have

claimed responsibility.

Protesters asserted that the police responded sluggishly even though the attacks occurred near a police station.

with charred cars. Roads were The gunmen also killed the blocked by barricades of brodriver of a cab that they used to ken doors, iron beds and bricks. About 100 stores were dam-

#### TRAVEL UPDATE

#### France Unveils Double-Decker TGV

PARIS (AFP) - Railroad engineers unveiled a prototype of a new double-decker TGV high-speed train Tuesday that is due to

begin service in France as early as next year.

Each blue and gray aluminum TGV Duplex train can carry 545 passengers, nearly 50 percent more than the old TGVs, at speeds of up to 300 kilometers per hour (185 mph). Each train, which comprises two locomotives and eight carriages, will cost 105 million francs (\$21 million).

The manufacturer, GEC-Alsthom, hopes to introduce the first commercially certified double-decker TGV in the second half of 1996, initially on the Paris-Lyon, Paris-Marseille and Paris-Mont-

A strike at Air Inter, France's main domestic airline, forced a third of its flights to be canceled Tuesday, and unions called for another stoppage, from noon Sunday to midnight Tuesday, a company spokeswoman said in Paris. (Reuters)

The airport at Khabarovsk, the most important in Russia's Far East region, has been forced to cancel virtually all domestic flights because it cannot afford to buy aviation fuel, Itar-Tass, the Russian press agency, reported Tuesday. The airport is only operating international flights and one daily flight to Moscow.

Turkey and Georgia are to open a border crossing and begin direct flights soon, the Anatolian News Agency said Tuesday. Senior border officials from both countries met on the Turkish side of the frontier Tuesday and signed a protocol for the first crossing to be opened in Turkey's Ardahan Province, near the town of Posof. Georgian consular officials in Turkey's Black Sea port of Trabzon said they hoped that direct flights to Tbilisi, the Georgian capital, would start in a month.

The death toll from violent storms that battered eastern Sicily (Reuters) rose Tuesday to at least 12.

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# Sinn Fein Opens Office In U.S., a 'Special Step'

WASHINGTON — Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA, opened an office in Washington on Tuesday as the Clinton administration — to Britain's dismay --dropped restrictions on the rule. Irish nationalist group's ac-

The president of Sinn Fein, Gerry Adams, is on a U.S. tour during which he is allowed to raise funds for the first time. He has also been invited to the White

Mr. Adams said the opening of the office marked a 'special step forward."

"For me," he said at a news conference, "the fund-raising is secondary. The whole business is politics."

The warm welcome for Mr. Adams has infuriated the British government and has raised questions about the closeness of the relationship between Washington and London.

Britain says the American welcome disrupts the fragile process of securing peace in Northern Ireland, where the IRA declared a cease-fire in September after a guerrilla campaign to end British

Prime Minister John Maior of Britain said in Jerusalem this week that Sinn Fein was "still directly associated with a fully formed terrorist British officials fear that

U.S. support for Mr. Adams will make Protestant political groups in Northern Ire-land, which favor continued union with Britain, even more reluctant to engage in the talks for a democratic

U.S. officials, supported by Dublin and many Irish-American politicians, say their accommodation of Mr. Adams is helping to foster the peace process in North-em Ireland.



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#### THE AMERICAS

# Republican Plans Rouse Debate on Constitution's Role

By Joan Biskupic Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The many Republican proposals to amend the U.S. Constitution reflect a new idea of the nation's charter. Congressional Republicans would use the constitution to alter economic policy, institute new social rules and transform American behavior.

Scholars say the proposed amendments from one to balance the budget to one banning flag-burning — represent a departure from amendments adopted in the past century, which have been mostly at the margins and for procedural, rather than substantive, goals.

Earlier amendments went to the fundamental rights of Americans, from free speech to voting

The new desire to amend the constitution "is part of the general trend to try to write morality into law," said Douglas Kmiec, a Notre Dame University law professor and an official in the Justice Department under President Ronald

"We cannot control our appetite to spend money, so we'll try to control it by writing it into

law," Mr. Kmiec said, referring to Congress's amendments in the 20th century have been profailure to-balance the budget.

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Mr. Kmiec and other scholars said that if many of the proposed changes were adopted, the notion of the constitution as a document written for the ages could be altered.

But Republican lawmakers, who have failed to get the results they seek through statutory legis-lation or the courts, say constitutional amendments are necessary to achieve the changes that they believe voters want and that traditional politics have not delivered.

"This is not business as usual," said Senator Hank Brown, Republican of Colorado. "It comes from a conviction by many Americans that the future of the country is at stake."

Other pending amendments that seek social change would permit organized school prayer, disallow abortion and prohibit the federal government from passing on the cost of regulations

Also in the stack is a proposal to require congressional term limits and one to allow the president to strike individual spending items from appropriations bills.

With the notable exception of Prohibition,

cedural - to limit the president to two terms in states. The alternative allows two-thirds of the office or to clarify succession if the president or states to vote to ask Congress to call a convenvice president is removed from office.

The earliest amendments and post-Civil War changes to the constitution were made to protect only 27 amendments have been added, the first basic liberties. Beyond those special cases, most 10 as the Bill of Rights in 1791. Thousands of of the nation's amendments have altered the proposals have died. constitution only slightly.

Now Republicans say that extraordinary times require great constitutional revision. As Mr. Brown put it, the Republican agenda "stems from a conviction that things have gone seriously awry in the country and that basic reform is

But Senator Robert C. Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia, the Senate's unofficial historian, calls the Republican initiatives an "assault" on the constitution."

Senator Carl M. Levin, Democrat of Michigan, said during the balanced budget debate: We have never inserted an economic plan into the constitution. This sets a terrible precedent." There are two ways to change the constitution.

a proposal first win a two-thirds' vote of Con- Service.

tion for proposing amendments.

Since the constitution was drafted in 1787,

The 18th Amendment, prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor, is a rare example of a social policy that was adopted. Approved in 1919, Prohibition was repealed in 1933 by the 21st Amendment.

The current proposals, which are not without some Democratic support, strike the core of the constitution and have stirred debate on what the document stands for.

Some legal scholars believe that constant moves to change the constitution could lead to a habit of revisions or at least less regard for the

"The message has been ground into the public that government no longer functions in a systemic way, and this has encouraged these very radical structural reforms," said Louis Fisher, a con-The only method that has been used requires that stitutional expert at the Congressional Research

#### ment has used capital punishment since 1963. abama drug trafficker who

at a federal prison in Terre ceeding. Haute, Indiana. Authorities have notified Mr. Chandler of the execution date, but his attorney said he planned to

new evidence. Mr. Chandler was the first inmate to receive the death sentence under the federal Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, which provides for capital punishment for killings associated with a criminal enterprise. Five other federal inmates convicted under this statute are awaiting execution.

move that would mark the

Although many states have reinstituted the death penalty in recent years, federal laws have allowed for capital punishment in only a few instances. At least 40 with capital offenses under coddling these guys."

the stiff 1988 drug abuse act and three more have been charged with capital crimes under the omnibus crime bill of last year, said Richard Di-

the Death Penalty Informa-

debate over capital punishseek a new trial based on

The action tells the international community "we are putting a national stamp of approval on this," said Diann Rust-Tierney, who heads the American Civil Liberty's Union's capital punishment project. "It's outrageous, classic diversion strategy. There is no indica-tion that this will have any

# Simpson Defense Seeks to Prove Racism and Planted Evidence



F. Lee Bailey during the cross-examination of Detective Mark Fuhrman.

LOS ANGELES - A defense attorney suggested Tuesday that a detective tried to distract other investigators so he could plant a bloody glove at O. J. Simpson's estate the morning after Mr. Simpson's former wife was murdered.

As he underwent a second day of cross-examination by F. Lee Bailey, the detective, Mark Fuhrman, remained unflappable, smiling when the attorney tried to imply that he had framed Mr. Simpson for murder.

Mr. Bailey suggested that Mr. Fuhrman had asked Detective Philip Vannatter to talk to a Simpson houseguest while Mr. Fuhrman went off alone to a narrow walkway behind Mr. Simpson's mansion and found the glove.

"You normally order Phil Vannatter around?" asked Mr. Bailey.
"No," Mr. Fuhrman said, cracking a grin after

noting that Mr. Vannatter had seniority.
"Did you in this case?" Mr. Bailey asked.

The defense is trying to portray Mr. Fuhrman as a racist who planted the glove the morning after the June 12 slayings of Mr. Simpson's former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson and Mr. Fuhrman. former wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald L. Goldman.

Mr. Bailey's intense cross-examination of Mr. race. Fuhrman resumed after Judge Lance A. Ito ruled earlier that the defense can question the detective

on new allegations of racism. Judge Ito said he would not allow the defense as much leeway as they requested, giving the prosecution more time to investigate two of the

allegations. Mr. Bailey, growing increasingly aggressive in his questioning of Mr. Fuhrman, pressed him on why he decided to search alone for the source of thumps reported by a guest of Mr. Simpson's, Brian (Kato) Kaelin, and what Mr. Fuhrman did

when he got behind Mr. Simpson's mansion. Mr. Bailey suggested several times that Mr. Fuhrman should have been afraid to go there

"Did it occur to you that there might be danger lurking out there in the darkness?" asked

"It wasn't foremost in my mind," Mr. Fuhr-

Mr. Bailey suggested that Mr. Fuhrman had asked Mr. Vannatter to interview Mr. Kaelin to

Mr. Bailey later confronted Mr. Fuhrman with fourth day of testimony Tuesday, said he did not his preliminary-hearing testimony, in which he know Miss Bell.

#### said "them" when asked about a glove found at the feet of one of the victims. Mr. Bailey has suggested that Mr. Fuhrman's statement was a slip of the tongue betraying the fact that he had moved a glove from the crime scene - Ms. Simpson's condominium — to Mr. Simpson's

But Mr. Fuhrman said when he used the word "them" he was referring to the glove and a knit

nearby house.

Judge Ito said the defense may question Mr. Fuhrman on whether he ever expressed disgust about interracial couples to a woman in a bar. ever used a racial stur in the presence of a black Marine and a third allegation involving an incident that was not explained in open court.

Judge Ito refused to let the defense question Mr. Fuhrman about an accusation that he once refused to shake hands with a black man, saying the alleged act was open to a number of

Mark Fuhrman with respect to the issues of

Ms. Clark scoffed at allegations that the defense said it would offer from Andrea Terry, a friend of a defense witness named Kathleen Bell; two Marine sergeants, Max Cordoba and Ron Rohrer; Phil Coleman, a store owner, and another witness named Martin.

These allegations get more outrageous by the minute," Ms. Clark said.

Mr. Bailey said Sergeant Cordoba, who is black, would testify that Fuhrman used the epithet "nigger" in his presence.

"Your honor, I have spoken to him personally, Marine-to-Marine," Mr. Bailey said. "I haven't est doubt, your honor. up to the witness stand and tell the world what

Fuhrman called him." Judge Ito said that he would allow questions of Ms. Terry because her alleged conversation with Mr. Fuhrman in a bar in the mid-1980s involved interracial couples and that prosecutors had al-

ready talked to her. Mr. Bailey said that Ms. Terry would back up Miss Bell's claim that Mr. Fuhrman was acquainted with Miss Bell. Mr. Fuhrman, in his

#### **Away From Politics**

• The Los Angeles school board made a rare exception to its zero-tolerance policy toward handguns by voting against expelling a 7-year-old, the youngest pupil caught with a firearm since adoption of the policy in 1993. The boy took an unloaded 9mm handgun to school in mid-January. (LAT) • Mayor Rudolph Ginliani and the New York City Council agreed to strict new zoning rules for X-rated video stores and topless bars. The new rules, which officials hope will be put into effect before the end of the year, would prevent sex-related businesses from operating within 500 feet (150 meters) of residences, schools and houses of worship and within 500 feet of one another.

• Two police officers in Galveston, Texas, have been charged with cruelty to animals for killing a stray dog while using it for target practice. Each officer faces up to a year in prison and a \$3,000 fine if convicted.

(AP)

• A woman was stabbed and killed in the New York subway during rush hour as the train approached the 135th Street station in Manhattan. When the doors of the car opened, the woman stumbled out and her attacker fled across the platform. The police said they had no motive for the killing. (AP)

• A prisoner trying to escape from the eighth floor of the county jail in Fort Landerdale, Florida, fell to his death when his rope made of sheets ripped apart. The man, 33, had lowered himself about three floors before falling. (AP) e A man was given two death sentences and a 114-year prison term in Annapolis, Maryland, for murdering two Washington lawyers in their bed during a robbery at their home in May. Scotland Williams was arrested after being identified from

videotape of him using the couple's bank cards at cash machines. He was also accused of stealing their car. (AP)

# College Allows No Admission for Mistake

By Peter Applebome
New York Times Service

NEW YORK -- Every college-bound U.S. high school semor knows the rules. The fat envelope means you got in. The thin one means you did not.

Only it did not turn out that way for Elizabeth Mikus of Norwell, Massachusetts. Her family is threatening to sue Cornell University because it sent her what she took to be an early-acceptance letter, and then told her it was a mistake.

17-year-old's psyche. And Cor-nell has learned a clerical error Because can become magnified in these litigious times.

As most high school seniors anxiously await word on their college applications, Miss Mikus has already learned a hard lesson in how much a college admission office can affect a called to say there had been a

Last fall, Miss Mikus, a senior at Noble and Greenough School in Dedham, Massachusetts, applied for an early decision on admission to Cornell. In sonal letter telling the students

velope containing a reply card, return envelope and form letter bearing the greeting, "Welcome

"We are delighted to welcome you to the university," the text of the form letter began. "We thought some information might be of help as you take steps to become a full-fledged member of the Cornell Community." Later, it said, "We are holding a place for you."

In accordance with the letter's instructions, she withdrew her applications to other colleges and sent a \$200 check to Cornell. Then she breathed a sigh of relief. About a week later, Cornell

Because of a clerical error, university officials say, she was

among 44 early-decision applicants mistakenly sent the acceptance form letter. The university says that the envelope also contained a per-

under the early-decision program, but that their applications would be considered in the spring with all the other applications.

Miss Mikus and her family say she only got the welcome

The university said it sent out 1,900 admissions letters in December, about 780 of them early acceptances. Cornell gets about 20,000 ap-

plications for its fall freshman class, accepts about 6,000 and enrolls about 3,000. It will mail its final acceptance or rejection letters to applicants on April 5. Cornell's vice president for

student and academic services, Susan Murphy, said she had no indication that Miss Mikus's envelope was different than the other 43 — meaning it would have had both the wrong form letter and the personal letter. Even if the personal deferral

letter were missing, Ms. Mur-phy said, Miss Mikus should have realized that what she had

December, she received an en- that they had not been admitted was not an official acceptance. "She does not have an accep-. tance letter that has her name on it or that is signed by anyone at the university," Ms. Murphy said.

"What she has is a printed flier," she added. "Any reasonable person who would get this printed flier would say, 'Gee, something is supposed to accompany this, because it's not addressed to me and it's not signed by any official member

of the university." But the Mikuses assert that they did not receive the deferral letter, that they had responded in good faith to what was clearly represented as an acceptance notice, and that the university should uphold its end of the bargain. To press their argument, they have hired a lawyer.

The lawyer, Allan Tufank-jian, said Miss Mikus was crushed by the turn of events. He said the family would sue Cornell if she was not accepted, and might sue for "damages

#### Move Would Be a U.S. First WASHINGTON - The Federal Bureau of Prisons plans to execute a convicted drug trafficker who authorized a contract murder, a eter, executive director of

A Death Sentence

**Over Drug Killing** 

first time the U.S. governtion Center. Meanwhile, Mr. Chan-dler's attorney, John Martin, David R. Chandler, an Alchallenged the government's action, saying that he had uncovered information was convicted of hiring a hit proving his client's innoman to kill a police informant, is scheduled to die by lethal injection on March 30 cence and that he could not believe the Justice Depart-ment's "audacity" in pro-

The government's move rekindled the long-standing

impact on crime." Representative Patricia Schroeder, Democrat of Colorado and a member of the House Judiciary Committee, said that drug dealers knew what the risks were persons have been charged and that she was "not into

#### POLITICAL NOTES

#### Shame on You, Says Gingrich

WASHINGTON — The House speaker, Newt Gingrich of Georgia, has suggested that out-of-wedlock births and other scourges of society could be reduced by using moral leadership to shame the offenders.

Referring to Victorian England, Mr. Gingrich said: "They reduced the number of children born out of wedlock almost by 50 percent. They changed the whole momentum of their society. They didn't do it through a new bureaucracy. They did it by re-establishing values, by moral leadership, and by being willing to look at people in the face and say, You should be ashamed when you get drunk in public, you ought to be ashamed if you're a drug addict."

Mr. Gingrich, who spoke at a meeting of the National League of Cities recently, said he realized this as he was reading an essay by Gertrude Himmelfarb, who has written a

book on Victorian society. Asked later if he was proposi 12 scariet ietters. Mr. Gingrich said: "I didn't say at all you had to translate moral force into running around and using the law to brand people. I just want

to make clear. It ain't that hard to understand. "A society which gets up and says, every day, 'The work ethic is good, you ought to do your homework, it's necessary to work to be a full citizen,' sends a signal.

"A society which gets up every day and says, 'Gee, if you're too drunk and you don't feel like it, you've had a bad weekend, why really trouble yourself?' sends a signal. Now,

# The House's Baby Republican

WASHINGTON - As if the House Republicans have not shaken up the Capitol enough already, one of them is now pregnant and planning to maintain the frenetic pace of the Capitol's newcomers despite her baby's scheduled arrival in

September. Representative Enid Greene Waldholtz of Utah, 36, is the first pregnant Republican to serve in Congress, her office

She would not be the first congresswoman to have a baby while serving, however, that distinction goes to former Representative Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, Democrat of California, who gave birth to a daughter in 1973.

# Inquiry Sought on Housing Chief

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Janet Reno has asked that a special prosecutor be named to investigate whether Housing Secretary Henry G. Cisneros lied to FBI agents about how much he paid a former mistress.

Her decision was made public Tuesday by a court that appoints such prosecutors to investigate top executive branch

This will be the third independent counsel investigating top Clinton administration officials.

#### Quote/ Unquote

Governor Stephen Merrill of New Hampshire, on former Governor Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, who is among the many Republicans who want Mr. Merrill's endorsement in their campaigns for the Republican presidential nomination: The nicest, friendliest is Lamar. He says, We've got lots of time, and I want to spend time with you. And after we spend enough time together I know you and I are going to come to a point where we'll reach an understanding. It's like, 'We're going to walk down the yellow brick road together.' " (NYT)

# **AMERICAN**

# **TOPICS** Black Box' on U.S. Jetliners Needs to Be Much Smarter

The "black box" on airplanes that records flight information in case of a crash — it is actually colored bright orange so it can more easily be found should track at least 24 parameters, up from the current 11 or 17, depending on aircraft model. So says the National Transportation Safety Board in a recommendation to the Federal Aviation Administration for all commercial and pri-

vate jet aircraft The additional information would cost \$20,000 to \$70,000 per aircraft but would speed up tracing the cause of a crash by days, weeks or even months. Many newer jets have systems that can collect 100 or more pieces of informa-

Installing new recorders that monitorfrom dozens to hundreds of pieces of Mr. Roe said the phone usually caught

information on a plane could not only help find the reason for an accident, but also might disclose problems in advance. Jetliners are equipped with two "black boxes," the flight-data recorder to mea-

sure flight information and the cockpit voice recorder to record cockpit conversations among the pilots, crew members and air-traffic controllers. The flight-data recorder keeps a record of the most recent 25 hours of a plane's operations. It collects electronic

information from sensors throughout the

#### Short Takes

Why do the letters "f" and "s" sound so much alike over the phone when there is no trouble telling the difference in face-to-face conversation? For one thing, according to David Roe, head of applied research at AT&T Bell Laboratories, when you are talking to someone in person you are unconsciously lip-reading. For another, the two letters are emitted at high frequencies, between 3,000 and 6,000 hertz. But the telephone system only handles frequencies up to 4,000 hertz, and all nuance above that is lost.

enough of the difference for you to tell an "f" from an "s," but people still confuse the two about 10 percent of the time.

A man wearing a Wells Fargo-style uniform, bulletproof vest and holstered pistol walked into a Wal-Mart in Destin, Florida, held out a canvas satchel, said, "I'm here for the money," and walked out with the day's receipts, worth several thousand dollars. Sheriff's deputies said that only when another man in Wells-Fargo uniform showed up did employees realize that the first man was an impostor. He is being sought.

A suspect in a 1981 double murder surrendered in Barstow, Florida, and made a futile attempt to collect the \$3,000 reward for his own capture. Gerald Lydell Voyles went straight to jail instead. "We believe he was serious about the reward," Sheriff Lawrence W. Crow Jr. said. "He will not be eligible." Deputies said Mr. Voyles, 39, walked up to the Polk County jail information window, asked about the \$3,000, and gave his name. He had been charged in the shooting deaths of two men whose bodies were found 14 years ago in a pond. International Herald Tribune.

# California Floods Recede, **But Rivers Run Polluted**

The Associated Press MONTEREY, California -Floodwaters in California began to recede slowly on Tues-

Although a new round of storm clouds brought more rain to Napa and Sonoma counties in Northern California, the rest of the region was generally spared. Recent storms and flooding

have killed 14 people. About 7,000 people had been evacuated, and about 1,000 still remained out of their homes Tuesday.
The White House chief of staff, Leon E. Panetta, planned

cials from the Federal Emer-

gency Management Agency, the Department of Agriculture and

the Federal Highway Adminis-

tration, the White House announced. Floodwaters that mixed with

raw sewage from overwhelmed treatment plants inundated vast areas of the Monterey Peninsula, about 80 miles (130 kilometers) south of San Francisco. "Every river in the county should be considered polluted."

About 100,000 people live on the 20 square miles (50 square kilometers) of the hilly, wooded peninsula, one of California's most popular tourist attrac-

a health official said.

The peninsula was cut off by water that overran one of the to tour hard-hit areas to survey world's richest farming regions. flood damage along with offi-

the Salinas Valley. The waters drowned artichoke and strawberry fields and washed away about half the arDon't miss the upcoming Special Report on

# **FASHION**

See the Saturday, March 18 edition of the newspaper.

Herald Eribune THE WORLD'S DAILY NEW SPAPER

HONG KONG - A high-ranking Chinese official has admitted that China has made mistakes in handling its takeover of Hong Kong, newspapers here reported Tuesday.

In appealing to Chinese leaders to handle the British colony with care. Li Ruihuan was delivering "an implicit attack on the current tough government position on Hong Kong," the Eastern Express said.

Mr. Li is a member of the Politburo standing com-

mittee and chairs a committee of Chinese and Hong Kong notables preparing for the 1997 takeover. He was speaking to Hong Kong delegates in Beijing Mon-

day, the papers said.
Some people are watching skeptically what kind of answer we are going to give, and they are waiting for a good laugh," the Express quoted him as saying.

"Taking Hong Kong back to the mainland is a complicated matter and it has brought forth a let of trouble," the Hongkong Standard quoted him as saying. "In many sides of the work, China does not have that experience." He added: "It is inevitable that there are some things we have failed to manage appropriate-

He did not say what these shortcomings were, but his remarks appeared to acknowledge the big question hanging over the 1997 transition: can a Communist country beset by huge economic and social problems digest one of the world's most advanced capitalist

"Ruling and keeping Hong Kong in good condition is not a simple task, despite the fact that it is just a tiny place." Mr. Li was quoted as saving.

the colony is to enjoy "a high degree of autonomy" and keep its capitalist system for at least 50 years.

But China's threats to disband Hong Kong's elected institutions in 1997, and its objections to Governor Chris Patten's mild reforms, have caused jitters in the

"If you don't understand how a valuable item works, you will never be able to keep it intact for a long time." Mr. Li was quoted as saving.

The English-language papers dwelled heavily on Mr. Li's criticisms, while the Chinese-language pro-Beijing press played up his remarks about the drama of China recovering territory lost to Western imperialism

# Tokyo Finance Ministry Aide Is Pressed to Resign

TOKYO - A senior Finance Ministry official came under pressure Tuesday to resign airid a loan scandal that has highlighted a collusive triangle among Japan's bureaucrats. politicians and business execu-

Several governing coalition leaders demanded that the deputy finance minister, Jiro Saito. resign for failing to prevent close ues between senior offi-

financier Haronori Takahashi. a central figure in the scandal. "If the top man fails to dis-

pose of himself accordingly, it will lead to the collapse of administrative organization." Home Affairs Minister Hiromu Nonaka said after a cabinet

meeting.
On Monday, Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura relieved Tokyo's customs house chief, Hiroaki Taya, of his post for taking a free ride to Hong Kong in 1990 with Mr. Takaha-

reau, for being entertained by Mr. Takahashi at exclusive restaurants and golf clubs.

Mr. Takahashi and another financier, Shinsuke Suzuki. have been questioned on suspicion of misappropriations part-ly blamed for the near bank-ruptcy of their credit unions with bad loans.

The finance minister also admonished in writing four senior cials in his ministry and the shi on the financier's private jet. ministry officials, including the Parliament last week that he

Nakajima, deputy head of the Finance Ministry's budget bu
Mr. Saito has been the adter and a former defense chief, ministrative deputy finance as well as with bureaucrats. minister for two years. Both

> in the future. The post is considered the lishment of a controversial gov-highest in the ranks of Japan's ernment-led consortium to bail bureaucrats. Politicians usually out the troubled credit unions. occupy the position of full minister and parliamentary deputy

Mr. Takahashi testified in

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He also reprimanded Yoshio deputy minister, and cut his sal- had close ties with politicians,

But both Mr. Takahashi and Mr. Taya and Mr. Nakajima Mr. Suzuki denied having were expected to hold the post sought help from politicians and bureaucrats in the estab-

> Major newspapers reported Tuesday that top commercial banks had specialists charged with entertaining Finance Ministry officials and gathering information from them.

The Finance Ministry's budget bureau, which is responsible for compiling the national bud-get, particularly attracts political and business figures.

"In order to sever the adhesion among politics, the bureaucracy and the business world, it is important to enhance the transparency of administra-tion." the Asahi newspaper said in an editorial Tuesday.

The mass-circulation newspaper Yomuri pointed out that the bureaucracy, which contributed to Japan's rapid industrial-ization after World War II with "consistent and stable policymaking," was now beset with "lack of foresight, obsession with precedents and sectional-

The controversy has also taken on political overtones as the deputy finance minister is reportedly close to Ichiro Ozawa, a reputed power broker behind an alliance removed from power last year by the current governing coalition.

The Home Affairs minister, a member of the Liberal Democratic Party, pointed out that the deputy finance minister had failed to take the responsibility for his role in trying to force an increase in indirect tax under the previous government.



The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan plans to shut down its breeder reactor repairs, pushing back a program to produce electricity using plutonium.

The repairs will be made to rized levies on schools. the plant's flash tank, a device that senarates steam from hot water, officials said. Japan has been criticized for basing a program on plutonium, a highly uranium, a less-toxic alterna-

He rejected suggestions that by promoting feecapitalism.

Charging fees "should not be viewed as a radioactive substance, while criterion of either socialism or capitalism," he other countries have turned to said, adding that China would learn from "many strong points" in the education system of capital-

Panganiban Reef and had briefly detained

Taleban Captures Hilltop Filipino fishermer Mr. Ramos said the new talks were aimed KABUL - Taleban infantry attacked troops loyal to President Burhanuddin Rabbani south of here Tuesday, capturing a hill-top but losing a number of their men. military

BRIEFLY ASIA

There are at least 30 dead Taleban lying

below us," said a pro-Rabbani officer. Gul

No Compromise on Korea SEOUL - Robert L. Gallucci. the senior

U.S. negotiator involved in nuclear talks with

Communist North Korea, said Tuesday that

Washington had ruled out a compromise in

offering South Korean reactors in a landmark

deal with the North Koreans to provide the

reactor," he told a forum of Asian-Pacific

LONDON — The Philippines and China will start negotiations March 19 over the disputed Spratly Islands, President Fidel V.

Tension between the Philipines and China

over the Spratly chain in the South China Sea.

increased last month after Mr. Ramos said

the Chinese Navy had built a platform on the

Spratlys Talks Are Set

Ramos said here Tuesday.

Haider.

for a counterattack.

U.S.-led consortium.

at a "peaceful outcome," and refused to comment further. He was speaking during a visit intended to create interest for investment in the Philippines as a center of English-speaking stability in Southeast Asia.

#### Karachi Probe Falters

Mr. Haider, based on a ridgeline about 15 kilometers (9 miles) from Kabul on the road KARACHI, Pakistan - Despite 400 arrests in four days, the police admitted Tuesday that no suspects had been charged in any to Taleban headquarters in Charasyab, was of the recent mass killings here. directing mortar fire at the Taleban units while pro-Rabbani reinforcements moved up

Shahid Hamid, the home secretary for Sind Province, said that six suspected terrorists were among those picked up in the city-wide

roundup that began Saturday.

But police officials, who did not want to be identified, said Tuesday that none of the 400 had been charged with serious crimes. Many of those arrested are suspects in petty crimes and were out on bail, one source said. (AP)

#### **VOICES** From Asia

deal with Pyongyang.

He said the United States recognized it was a "politically sensitive" problem for North Korea to accept a South Korean reactor and Li Ruihuan, chairman of the Chinese Peo-ple's Political Conference, on China's hardadded that the political problem was a main reason for the establishment last week of a line policy toward Hong Kong: "If you don't understand how a valuable item works, you will never be able to keep it intact for a long The consortium, the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organization, was "to pro-vide a political context or umbrella entity to

Bal Thackeray, leader of the Hindu militant party Shiv Sena, warning that the new Maharashtra government would expel illegal immigrants from Pakistan and Bangladesh living in Bombay: "We will have no misplaced humanitarianism in this matter. I will ask the police also to find these people and send them out."

Norodom Ranariddh, Cambodia co-prime minister, appealing to donor nations to continue helping his country: "Although we have made substantial progress, this is only the beginning of the process. We have to consolidate, we have to make sure that our progress develops and becomes durable." (Bloomberg)

# China Chips Away at a Keystone

# Move Would Set Fees for Higher Education

Agence France-Presse BELITNG — China indicated Tuesday that it would pursue its movement away from the major socialist principle of free education for all, while pledging to crack down on the most blatant manifestations of elite schooling. The director of the state education commis-

sion. Zhu Kaixuan, said state financing for education, about 103.5 billion yuan (\$12.3 billion) this year, was insufficient to meet the needs of the 250 million individuals of school age.

Therefore, he said, "we need to have more extrabudgetary resources."

Methods of raising these resources include letting state schools charge fees to students outside the compulsory education period and expanding the number of privately run establishments that have mushroomed across the country in recent years, Mr. Zhu said.

China now has about 2,000 private schools at different levels, he said.

Mr. Zhu said state schools charged only nominal sums during the compulsory education period. He said annual fee ceilings would be enforced in private establishments.

In 1986, China established a nine-year compulsory education program, which it hopes will include 85 percent of the population by the year

In addition, Mr. Zhu said, a new education Wednesday for three months of law, expected to be passed during the current session of the National People's Congress, would

ban local governments from placing additional financial burdens on students through unautho-

paying in schools and universities. Communist China's education authorities were selling out to

For universities, he said he regarded as acceptable the present annual fee level of 1,000 to 1,500 yuan - or about 10 percent to 20 percent of costs - in establishments directly run by the "Given the financial strength of ordinary

households in China, I think they're in a position to cope with that," he said, adding that the government had a fund to help students from

China's average per capita income last year was 3,179 yuan in urban areas and 1,220 yuan in

While supporting the emergence of privately run establishments to cater for the country's wealthier citizens, Mr. Zhu said the government would crack down on the emergence of "elite schools" that charge excessive amounts and "provide a luxurious way of life" for students.

Some establishments, he acknowledged, were charging "hundreds of thousands of yuan" in fees each year and treating students in a way that was having a "negative impact" on their

So-called Olympic schools, catering to the demands of urban parents wanting extracurricular training for their children, will also be discouraged, Mr. Zhu said.

Mr. Zhu said improving schooling in poor rural areas was one of China's biggest challenges.

The average dropout rate at schools in rural China is about 3 percent, compared with 2 percent in cities, he said, adding that the "priority among priorities" in the next six years was to expand compulsory education and to combat illiteracy.

The government has set 2000 as the target year for wiping out illiteracy in areas where 90 percent of the population live, Mr. Zhu said. He defined a literate individual as someone able to read 1,500 Chinese characters.

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# Seoul Parties Reach Deal on Election Law

SEOUL - South Korea's rival political parties ended a bitter one-month political standoff Tuesday by compromising on election-law changes, party officials said.

"A compromise agreement came at marathon talks between the secretary-generals of the governing Democratic Liberal Party and the main opposition Democratic Party," Democratic Party spokesman

The turnaround followed

tion over the Democratic Liber- issues," a Democratic Liberal als proposed amendment to the spokesman said, explaining election law for June 27 local elections. The opposition spokesman said the two parties also agreed

ry session "soon after details are worked out" in talks. Opposition parties welcomed the deal. But governing party officials called it "tentative."

to open the stalled parliamenta-

saying many party members were reluctant to endorse it. "We still have to narrow dif-

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nearly two weeks of confronta- ferences on many contentious seeking to maintain their grip why there had been no formal announcement of the deal by late Tuesday afternoon.

> to use its majority to push the electoral changes through Parliament, the spokesmen said. The tentative agreement allows political parties to field candidates for heads of local government. But candidates for local assemblies would run independently of political parties

At talks earlier Tuesday, the

governing party proposed a

compromise after pledging not

so that local assemblies could be neutral. The Democratic Liberals had earlier insisted that party candidates be barred from running for positions other than mayor and governor to guarantee clean campaigning.

Negotiations began Monday night after opposition parties briefly suspended their siege of Parliament. On Sunday, riot policemen raided the homes of the two assembly speakers to free them from opposition law-makers who had held them hos-

tage there for six days.

A speaker is required to preside over the passage of any law through the National Assembly.

The parliamentary standoff hegan a month ago when the governing party offered to re-vise rules for the nation's first elections in three decades to elect mayors, county chiefs, provincial governors and local assemblymen.

The opposition has accused the Democratic Liberals of

on local governments and assemblies by excluding candidates affiliated with political parties.

Opposition members have claimed that the party may lose in Seoul, a nightmare scenario for President Kim Young Sam. whose approval ratings have never been lower. Public support for the gov-erning party has dwindled, mainly because of factional

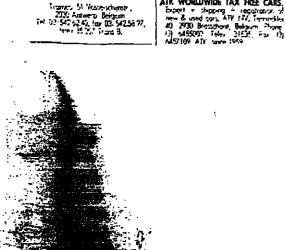
Life Expectancy Is Up in India

strife within the party.

NEW DELHI -- The life expectancy of the average Indian has almost doubled in the past 40 years, while the literacy rate has nearly tripled to 52 percent in the same period, according to government data published

Tuesday. The figures in the Indian government's annual economic survey showed that although disease and poverty were still a significant part of life in India, conditions for its 900 million people were improving.

The survey showed the birth rate had dropped from 39.9 per 1,000 in 1951 to a provisional 28.5 in 1993, while the death rate had fallen from 27.4 per 1,000 to 9.2 in the same

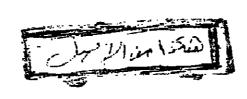


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# UN Commanders in Croatia Fear Wider Role Is a Muddle

By Raymond Bonner New York Times Service

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ZAGREB, Croatia - As diplomats in New York begin urgent discussions about an expanded mission for the United Nations peacekeepers in Croatia, UN military commanders on the ground are worried that they will be given a mandate without the means to fulfill it.

Their fears are heightened because of emerging confusion about whether, under an agree-ment between U.S. and Croatian leaders last week, the UN forces would merely monitor Croatia's international borders, or whether they would be expected to actually search vehicles and stop them from ferry-ing weapons into those areas of Croatia held by breakaway

The latter mission would be fraught with danger, and -depending how large an area was to be controlled — could requine as many as 10,000 troops.

"We have been so burned by mandates that were militarily impossible that we're determined this time not to get burned again," a senior UN officer said Tuesday. He said it was critical for the UN "to define very clearly" what the UN proops would be expected to do along the border.

The UN is still is seeking approval of the agreement from Slobodan Milosevic, has sum-



A French UN soldier injured in a road accident being brought to a Sarajevo hospital Tuesday. Nine soldiers died.

The president of Croatia,

the Croatian Serbs, who control moned Croatian Serb leaders to in and around the Serbian-con-cized more than praised, its them there on Thursday.

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UN peacekeepers would have to leave when their mandate expired on March 31, the Croatian president. Franjo Tudj-man, after negotiations with

Mr. Tudjman begins a state visit to Washington on Wednes-day and on Thursday he is scheduled to meet President Bill Clinton, a meeting that Mr. Tudiman has been aggressively seeking for some time and was arranged after he agreed to a continuation of the UN pres-

Washington, partly backed off.

But the Croatian government wants the number of UN peacekeepers reduced to 5,000, and it wants only European troops, which means no Russians and no troops from any African, Asian or other Third World countries. The Croatians do not trust the Russians, who have been partial to the Serbs, and the exclusion of non-Europeans reflects both a widely held prejudice among conservative Croatians, diplomats from several countries said, and a desire to bring Croatia more into the European orbit

#### **■** 9 French Soldiers Die

Nine French UN peacekeepabout 30 percent of the country and have been fighting for separation from Croatia since 1990.

moned Croatian Serb leaders to in and around the Serbian-concized more than praised, its trolled Krajina. Their principal work in keeping these warring mission has been to act as a factions apart since the civil war morning in a road accident on buffer between the Croatian serbication from Croatia since 1990. Mount Igman near Sarajevo, Agence France-Presse reported,

#### Seoul and EU Vow to Improve Ties

BRUSSELS - The presidents of South Korea and the European Commission agreed Tuesday on the need to beef up their political ties and press ahead with a joint accord on trade and cooperation now under negotiation.

"Both sides agreed that political relations between the European Union and the Republic of Korea should be developed further." President Kim Young Sam of Korea and the commission chief, Jacques Santer, said in a joint statement

after their meeting.

But Korea has made it clear that it was not about to drop Kim Chul Su as a candidate to take over from Peter Sutherland as head of the World Trade Organization. The EU has likewise said it was not going to give up on Renato Ruggiero as its candidate for the post.

#### Japan Is Urged to Open Markets

BRUSSELS - The European Commission has stepped up the pressure on Japan to open up its markets to foreign goods

Mr. Santer and Trade Commissioner Sir Leon Brittan who is also responsible for political links with Tokyo — have both written to their Japanese counterparts demanding that the forthcoming five-year deregulation package include a range of items proposed by the European Union. (Reuters)

# Germany Drops Energy Tax Plan

BONN — Germany's coalition government ended a dead-lock over politically sensitive coal subsidies on Tuesday by ruling out an unpopular energy tax proposal meant to pay for

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's government agreed that the subsidies, an important issue for an election in Germany's main mining state - North Rhine-Westphalia - in May, must be funded by trimming other programs in the federal

#### New Talks on Livestock Travel Seen

TOULOUSE, France - France said Tuesday that the European Union would soon make a fresh attempt to end the 20-month deadlock over limiting the length of journeys made by farm animals transported across Europe for slaughter.

Northern livestock-exporting countries and southern importing nations are deeply divided by moral and economic arguments over setting a maximum journey time. EU farm ministers are due to meet again on March 27-28. (Reuters)

# Calendar

European Union events scheduled for Wednesday:

BRUSSELS: Resumption of European Union negotiations with Tunisia aimed at concluding an agreement toward an association between the EU and North African nations.

BRUSSELS: Formal opening of negotiations between the EU and Slovenia for an association agreement, with the participation of Foreign Minister Zoran Thaler of Slovenia.

LUXEMBOURG: Ruling expected from the European Court of Justice over a case filed by the French shipowners' federation Cobrecal, asking for cancellation of a European Commission decision that refused to grant EU financial help to upgrade fishing and aquaculture equipment.

STRASBOURG: European Parliament session continues. with debates on the dispute between the EU and Canada regarding Canada's seizure of the Spanish fishing trawler Estai in the North Atlantic. Sources: Agence Europe, AFP

# 2d Opinion on Castro

# Was This Necessary? Balladur Asks

PARIS - While President Fidel Castro of Cuba toured Paris on Tuesday, a foreign policy dispute over his visit blew up between the conservative government and Socialist presi-

Prime Minister Edouard Balladur sharply distanced him-self from President François Mitterrand's red-carpet welcome

to the 68-year-old revolutionary leader. "I am not convinced that in the current circumstances there were grounds to give a spectacular character to relations between France and Cuba," Mr. Balladur said.

Mr. Balladur, who is running for president, said France had to deal with foreign governments even when it had little sympathy for their human rights record. But he backed Mr. Mitterrand's condemnation of the 34-

year-old U.S. trade embargo on Cuba, saying it was imposed when Washington felt its security threatened. Mr. Balladur said the embargo was no longer justified.

# Italian Leader Calls Budget Passage Vital

ROME — Prime Minister Lamberto Dini appealed to Italian lawmakers Tuesday, saying they had to pass his emergency budget to prevent a financial crisis.

At the end of a debate on the 20-trillionlire (\$12-billion) package in the Chamber of Deputies, he said nervous markets that have pushed the lira to record lows against the German mark wanted a clear sign that Italy could get to grips with its finances.
"It would be a grave error not to give this proof of willingness and ability immediately," Mr. Dini said.

"What must be restored as soon as possible is the confidence of markets and investors, at home and abroad, in our country's ability to confront an emergency which otherwise risks leading us towards a

His appeal to the 630-seat lower house, where he has no secure majority, was aimed mainly at the center-right Freedom Alliance coalition, the faction of his predecessor, Silvio Berlusconi. The coalition says it intends to vote against the budget.

A vote on the package, which was approved in the Senate last week, was expected Wednesday.

Mr. Dini, a former central banker and treasury minister in the Berlusconi government that fell in December, has said he will resign if the budget, one of four goals on his policy agenda, is rejected.

His government, drawn from outside Italy's hung Parliament, won a vote of confidence in the Chamber on Jan. 25 only because of abstentions from the Berlusconi

rescued by a split in the Communist Reestablishment Party.

Party members said about 15 of its 38 deputies might ignore leadership orders to vote against Mr. Dini and either support the budget or abstain.

The supplementary budget, which would raise taxes, is intended to keep Italy's 1995 budget deficit within its 138.6-trillion-lire (\$82-billion) target.

Mr. Berlusconi, who swept to victory in a general election a year ago, resigned in December after the federalist Northern League party pulled out of his stormy coalition.

He has since pressed for an early elec-

tion in June, accusing his opponents of using Mr. Dini to delay a vote.

Mr. Dini has repeatedly pledged to resign once he has enacted his limited agen-

crisis that may be uncontrollable," he add-In the budget vote, Mr. Dini could be



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# Fresh Drive for Peace Treaty To Bring Military to the Table

Syria soon are to reopen negoti- cial said. ations on a peace treaty, with said Tuesday. Earlier, it had seemed the ar-

rangement might fall apart. Mr. Christopher made the announcement, at the end of his

eight-day trip to the region. it's turned out to be one of the most satisfying trips I have made to the Middle East," he

The talks will be in Washington, where Syria broke them off in December. A senior U.S. official said Israel made no concessions to get them reopened... At the cutset, Ambassadors Itamar Rabinovich of Israel

and Walid Moualem of Syria will handle the negotiations. They will be joined by military technicians and then the chiefs of staff, Mr. Christopher

He did not announce a starting date but said it would be "in the next couple of days." Mr. Christopher said the United States was playing an active role and that his senior aide. Dennis B. Ross, would return to the Middle East in about two weeks for parallel discussions

with Israeli and Syrian officials. The talks are likely to center on the kinds of security arrangements to be installed after Israel's probable pullback on the Golan Heights.

The format for the next negotiating round differs mostly in leader with thousands of flutthe expanded U.S. participa-tion. Mr. Ross will participate sive show of security.

in the discussions and "make DAMASCUS - Israel and suggestions," a senior U.S. offi-

Additionally, Israel, Syria military chiefs joining diplo- and the United States will form mats in bargaining Secretary of a committee to oversee the ne-State Warren M. Christopher gotiations, another U.S. official aid. Both insisted on anonym-

Mr. Christopher said last-But then, with evident relief. minute delays in announcing the arrangements were due to the difficulty of the issues and the fact that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was busy also with a debate in Parliament and with Prime Minister John Major, who was visiting Jerusalem.

Mr. Major told the PLO chief, Yasser Arafat, on Tuesday that Europe seeks a larger role in the Middle East peace

Mr. Major, the second head of government to tour the PLOruled Gaza Strip, also pledged an unspecified amount in export credits for the Palestinians and said he would establish a "know-how fund" to help the Palestinian autonomy govern-

But despite Mr. Arafat's im-passioned description of Palestinian economic misery, Mr. Major stopped short of an expected announcement of more financial aid.

At a news conference, he noted that Britain had pledged \$121 million over three years. "A substantial amount has been disbursed in the past year, and more will be disbursed this year," he said.

Gaza welcomed the British

# On Iwo Jima, the Veterans of Hell Meet Again in Peace

By Sheryl WuDunn New York Times Service

IWO JIMA, Japan - They traded war stories, visited battle sites and stood uneasily next to the men that they had tried their hardest to kill.

Half a century after the battle of Iwo Jima, American and Japanese veterans returned Tuesday to commemorate the struggle for an island that had once seemed so important that it absorbed tens of thousands of lives. These days, it has no permanent residents.

Even now, there are thousands of skeletons of Japanese soldiers buried in the manmade caves and tunnels of Iwo Jima, and for both sides the island still symbolizes the ex-cesses of a horrid, brutal and maniacal war.

Even 50 years cannot heal war wounds completely, and many veterans refrained from coming face to face with their former enemies. But they cooperated to arrange the daylong ceremonies, and some even returned their spoils of

Kelly M. Sharbel, 72, a veteran who fought on the front lines in the attack on the island, picked up four Japanese yen notes half a century ago money that some fallen Japanese soldier then had no need for. On Tuesday, he gave them to a Japanese war veteran he met at the commemoration.

"I thought I'd give some-thing back to them," said Mr. Sharbel. "I looked at him and he looked at me and I gave him the yen. He took it and thanked me with a bow."

As Americans scraped up souvenirs of loose black sand, the volcanic ash in which hundreds had sunk to their deaths under heavy Japanese artillery fire, as they stood on the beach gazing at the empty sea that

being raised atop Mount Suri-

No image so symbolizes the

battle of Iwo Jima as the fam-

ous photo of the American flag

was crowded with ships and landing vehicles on their last visit here, 50 years ago, many emphasized that it had all been War II, American military leaders decided the island of Iwo Jima was a strategic reouirement to continue their worth it, that the victory had bombing raids against the Jap-

> But the Japanese were a formidable enemy, and the price on both sides was high. The Americans had 26,000 casualties, including 6,800 killed; the Japanese had only 1,083 survi

to take the island in 72 hours, but the battle lasted 36 days. The black ash made the landing difficult, and the Japanese had built caves that helped them dodge the Americans.

vors, out of 20,000 soldiers.

The Marines had expected

Theodore Fiedler, a veteran, giving a flag signed by Japanese soldiers during the war to Yoshie Nakane on Tuesday.

Yoshio Nakajima, 79, was one of those infantrymen in the caves. Knowing that they were doomed, his two colleagues decided to commit suicide and urged him to do so as

His colleagues killed themselves with grenades, but when Mr. Nakajima tried, his grenade failed to explode. Then he tried biting his tongue, hop-ing he would bleed to death, but he was too weak from not having eaten for days and

tle food, so for two weeks, Mr. Nakajima drank his own urine and tried to swallow pieces of dry food, most of which he

could not get down his throat. He finally decided he would exit with his bayonet and perhaps kill himself outside. But when he emerged, the sun blinded him, and some American soldiers pounced on him

and took him prisoner. "Yesterday's enemy is to-day's friend," he said, as he stood by the Reunion of Honor Memorial, an engraved monument that was the centerpiece of Tuesday's joint ceremonies.

The handful of Japanese veterans and the 565 American veterans and their families talked of peace and shared a moment of silence in honor of those killed. But each side also held separate ceremonies on top of Mount Suribachi, underscoring a lingering bitter-.

"You can respect them as soldiers," said John J. Eddy, 74, a former lieutenant and infantry platoon leader. "But you can't respect the things they did — the atrocities."

Mr. Eddy recalled how when he fought in the battle at Guam, the Americans discovered a field of 30 islanders whom the Japanese had killed: their hands were tied behind their backs and their heads were cut off.

But as they came upon war sites where friends had died or they had been wounded, the veterans shifted their focus and said they hoped there would never again be such a

"It was a bloody battle, one I'll always remember forever," said Wilfred C. Snozzo, 68, as he choked back tears. "That battle - we want peace, no

# NIGERIA: Noted U.S. Blacks Put Weight on Lagos Regime for Reforms

Continued from Page 1 cy and the U.S. military intervention in

September that restored President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

TransAfrica's new campaign does not appear designed to confront Clinton administration policy toward Nigeria. The administration strongly disapproves of Nigeria's government but pursues a policy of "engagement" in hope of effecting change

In a letter Monday to Nigeria's head of state. General Sani Abacha, the TransAfrica group accuses the government of becoming "an absolute military dictatorunder which hundreds of the regime's critics have been detained or killed, labor unions have been dissolved, elected political leaders removed from of-

fice and political activity banned.

The group calls on General Abacha to "expedite the restoration of democracy" in eventual global economic and political iso-

he had not seen the letter and would not

In 1984, TransAfrica led a push to build public sentiment for sanctions against the white minority government in South Afri-ca. That effort featured public figures routinely getting arrested for protesting in front of the South African Embassy.

Though there has been selective criticism of repression at the hands of leaders in black African nations such as Ethiopia and Angola, Mr. Robinson said, there has never been such an effort by American blacks against a black-run African governthink it's a high-water mark in maturity in the black community," he said. "the courage to call a thing like it is." "I think it would be inconsistent for us

Africa's most populous nation or risk "the to express concern about repression and tyranny by the white dictators in South Africa and ignore the same thing in black Africa," said the Reverend Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadlation of your regime."
An official at the Nigerian Embassy said ership Conference, who has signed on to the effort. "Either way, black Africans

> General Abacha grabbed power in a bloodless coup in November 1993 after the previous military ruler, General Ibrahim Babangida, annulled that year's presidential elections. The Abacha regime then arrested the apparent winner of the elections, publishing tycoon Moshood K.O. Abiola, and he is still being detained.

The country has been in varying states of chaos and instability since, marked by strikes and riots. On Monday, General Olusegun Obasanio, one of Nigeria's former military rulers, was arrested in connection with an alleged coup attempt.

# Mexico's Leader Hit By Painful Surprises

# Extent of Economic and Political Problems Came as a Shock going to be pleasant at the presidency." he said. "Right now."

By Tim Golden

MEXICO CITY - Ernesto Zedillo did not expect the presi-dency of Mexico to be "pleas-Nor, he acknowledged. did be fully understand the weaknesses of Mexico's economic strategy, the depth of the demands for reform, or what it might mean to be the first developing country to fall precipitously out of favor with the world financial markets.

"I thought it was going to be rough," Mr. Zedillo said. "But I must be honest — I never expected anything as complex as what we have lived through over these last three months."

After a first 100 days that have destroyed the hopes of Mexicans for new prosperity and shattered their sense of the country's political rules, Mr. Zedillo pointed only one way out of the crisis: to accept much greater economic hardship in the months ahead and to accelerate the pace of political

"I know that this is going to be painful," Mr. Zedillo said in an interview. "I know that nobody is going to like it. But this

ard to meet with him and his

staff. The governor also bought

200 copies of the book with his

own money and gave them out

to his agency heads and every

legislator in Tallahassee, the

At the governor's urging, agency chiefs began looking for

rules to repeal. No one took to

the assignment with more gusto

than Mr. Watts, the state trans-

and, lo and behold, out of 760

rules we found 330 to repeal."

-rules that were on the books,

but relatively painless to cut;

rules that were procedural or

archaic or overlapped with local

Mr. Watts compared a rule to

a screw that can only be tight-

"We compiled a list of rules

portation secretary.

Mr. Watts said.

or federal ones.

state capital.

was said that I am not a good politician to put it that way. But some of the most traumatic experiences that we have had in Mexico around financial crises have to do with the fact that

people were not told the truth." Two days after Mr. Zedillo's predecessor, Carlos Salinas de Gortari, left Mexico for the United States, the shadow of the former leader seemed at times to dart around the sunlit

office he gave up on Dec. 1.
For the record, Mr. Zedillo denied having sent an intermediary to ask Mr. Salinas to burden. leave. Speaking privately, aides

to the president did not hesitate to contradict him. Mr. Zedillo did suggest that Mr. Salinas's public criticism of

the government had broken the

unwritten rule that calls on re-

tired Mexican leaders to keep: silent on political affairs. Mr. Zedillo, a 43-year-old economist who stepped suddenly into the governing party can-didacy after the assassination of Luis Donaldo Colosio Murrieta a year ago, said nothing to re-

fute the notion that he treated the presidency as a duty, even a

the Mexican economy. "I never thought that life was

> called tesobonos. "I was not aware, for one thing, of how fast the structure, of the internal debt had changed," he said. "I became

> in December." Wall Street analysts say the problem was evident by last fall, when a devaluation was being actively sought by several senior government officials, including the man who became Mr. Zedillo's finance ministen Guillermo Ortiz. But Mr. Zedillo suggested that a devaluation at that time would only have postponed a solution to the more fundamental problem of Mexico's dependence on huge flows of short-term foreign capital to finance the

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"A few days after we deval ued, I became convinced that we did not have a classical, current-account adjustment problem," Mr. Zedillo said. Buv when the government's first economic-recovery plan failed to calm the financial markets; he said, he realized that the problem was one that Mexico could not handle alone.

"That's when I called Mr. Clinton and told him that this was a very different ball game,"

was merely the first so-called emerging economy to confront the growing power and immediacy of global financial markets.

# 2 Gypsy Children Hart

Tuesday by the explosion of a, doll given to them by a motorist as they begged near a stoplight. here, the police said. Emran Demirov, 3, suffered eye injuries and his sister. Sengul, had a f forcarm amputated after the:

the last eight years.

#### to make concessions. "Some people are Dozens of Democrats and Republicans in Congress have urged Mr. Clinton not to leery of having him go to Moscow in May if the war in Chechnya is still going on," a make the trip in May, to show the adminis-

senior official said. "It wouldn't give a very good appearance to have President Clinton standing in front of the Russian mili-

Not wanting to offend Mr. Yeltsin, several American diplomats stressed in interviews that a narrowing of differences over NATO, Chechnya, or Iran was not a condition for Mr. Clinton to journey to Moscow in May. But these same officials said that concessions in those areas would cer-

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NATO: Clinton, Exchanging Letters With Yeltsin, Hopes to Reassure Him tainly remove roadblocks to a visit then,

tration's disapproval over Chechnya. After Mr. Yeltsin was excluded from ceremonies last year in Normandy marking the 50th anniversary of D-Day, Russian officials are hinting it would be a terrible slight if Mr. Clinton shuns the Russian festivities.

The White House is still smarting from Mr. Yeltsin's tirade, in December at a summit meeting in Budapest, where he accused NATO of wanting a "cold peace" and of trying to pull a fast one on Moscow by expanding rapidly without Russia's.

So unhappy was Moscow that it sur-prised NATO ministers by announcing in early December that it would not proceed with full participation in the Partnership for Peace, a group of 23 former Soviet bloc nations that have agreed to military and political cooperation with NATO.

that partnership soon after the letters are exchanged, administration officials said.

The administration was heartened that Russia agreed last week to allow a permanent international mission into Chechnya.

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When Robert Joffee of Ma-

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veyed members of the Florida

Chamber of Commerce, they replied that "red tape" was

When Mr. Chiles first made

his proposal during his inaugu-ral address in January, he com-plained that to build a "cook

shack" next to his cabin outside

of Tallahassee, he encountered

-and was foiled by - what he

At the time, Mr. Chiles was

reading a draft copy of a book

called "The Death of Common

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called "the hydra-headed drag-

feet away. And so on.

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on of overregulation."

What this means, in practice. Philip Howard, detailing the

# Salinas Traveling in U.S., No Date Set for Return

WASHINGTON --- Some of the questions about the whereabouts of former President Carlos Salinas de Gortari of Mexico were answered Tuesday when the White House said he was in the United States "traveling as a private citizen."

The White House spokes-

principles text. He offered what he thought was a staggering advance — \$1 million. But Mr. Mankiw didn't even blink.

Then Harcourt Brace jumped in, offering what amounted to a \$400,000 signing bonus on top of the \$1 million, plus a 22

percent royalty arrangement. The deal was sealed in December 1992.

man, Michael McCurry, said the U.S. Customs Service had indicated Mr. Salinas entered the United States through Brownsville, Texas. "He is traveling as a private citizen," Mr. McCurry said.

"I'm not aware of any reason why we would be tracking his movements. He's not under investigation or being sought in connection with any matter that the United States government has an interest in."

Mr. Salinas's Mexico City office said Monday that he had gone to New York to fulfill "commitments with various international institutions."

The statement appeared aimed at countering news reports that Mr. Salmas had left Mexico for at least temporary exile after clashing with President Ernesto Zedillo.

The statement said Mr. Salinas planned to travel to other countries at the invitation of international institutions, but did not say when he would return to Mexico.

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Russia is expected to resume its role in

# is what the country needs. It DISMAL?: Stodgy Economics Profs Are Finding Out Where the Money Is

makers and other members of the Ameri-

The new stars are seeking not just fame, but fortune. "Even young people at the forefront of research are taking off time to write textbooks," Mr. Mankiw said, "The top three or four textbooks, even the top are profitable, wildly profitable."

Mr. Samuelson's book, in all its editions, has sold more than 3 million copies. Since then, the feat of combining a big name with huge sales has never been repeated.

that the end of rules will mean

open season on environmental

and health protections.

Mr. Chiles's staff replies that

the end of rules will not mean

the end of responsibility, but

guidelines is not merely seman-

tic. The legislature makes laws

and the agencies have been re-

quired to promulgate rules to

carry out the legislature's man-

In Florida and most other

states, rules have the force of

law. If a rule exists, a regulator

must obey it. And indeed, the

rules themselves must exist, as

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The change from rules to

rather more accountability.

In 1987, the staid world of academic

publishing was jolted by the heretical concept of a bidding war. Two professors, Andrew Abel of the University of Pennsylvania and Ben Bernanke of Princeton, sent what they called a prospectus to eight publishers.

The auction worked brilliantly, from the authors' point of view. It set a new floor of \$250,000, which has since escalated to \$400,000 to \$500,000, for the much smaller intermediate-level textbook market. Enter Mr. Mankiw, who kept a close eye

on such goings on. Granted tenure by Harvard at the unusually young age of 29, he won notice not only with his original research but also by began the bidding war for Mr. Mankiw's

According to several people familiar with the negotiations, Mr. Mankiw's own publisher, Worth, matched McGraw-Hill's

FLORIDA: Fed Up With Red Tape, State Plans to Replace Rule Book With Common Sense Mr. Chiles invited Mr. How- ened. With each challenge to a ard to meet with him and his rule by those regulated (and joined the movement. their attorneys), state agencies

rules."

Mr. Watts sent Mr. Chiles a letter detailing his plan. "A lit-tle over 1,000 years ago," he wrote, "Alexander the Great came to the city of Phrygia and saw the impossibly complex knot tied by King Gordius. "Learning of the legend that gave the rule of Asia Minor to

respond with more rules.

anyone who could untie the knot. Alexander drew his sword, sliced the knot in half and went on not only to rule Asia Minor but all the known But these were the easy ones

> ed, "the classic example of proper rule reform." The Department of Environmental Protection, which came

"Hence," Mr. Watts conclud-

of age during the decade of in-

The agency's executive services director, Nevin Smith, sees the anti-rule movement as a complete change in the way regulators do their job. As an example, he cites Florida's notorious "mangrove-trimming

Plorida once was covered with the marine trees, but no more. To protect mangroves, the agency issued rules that prohibited trimming them.

"The result is that nobody is trimming mangroves, but no-body is planting them either," Mr. Smith said. "Because they know if they plant them, they can't trim them.

and against ourselves," he con-tinued. "Decisions were driven by the rules and not by their where their family has lived for.

agement situation. But I think that nothing that has happened should change our long-run view of Mexico. I think that is true in the economic realm; that's also true for the political Mr. Zedillo said his biggest surprise was the vulnerability of

we are basically in a crisis-man-

Although he had worked as a senior economic official for a decade and had allies inside Mr. Salinas's economic cabinet, Mr. Zedillo said he had not been able to see the seriousness of the huge short-term debts that, Mexico was contracting by the issuance of government bonds

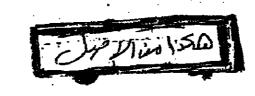
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shortfall in its current account. The shortfall includes both the country's trade deficit and payments on its debt.

In Mr. Zedillo's view, Mexico'

By Booby-Trapped Doll Agence France-Presse PISA, Italy — Two Gypsy, children were seriously injured

blast, according to police. They had been given the dolling "We were working both for by a motorist at their regular;





# Norman Thagard before his space flight with the Russian cosmonauts.

# A U.S.-Russia Leap to Space In a First, Soyuz Carries an American Aloft

By Margaret Shapiro
Washington Post Service

BAIKONUR COSMODROME, Kazakhstan — A Russian Soyuz rocket carrying an American astronaut for the first time blasted off Tuesday for the Mir space station on a mission that is to end with the historic docking of a U.S. space shuttle at the Mir station

The U.S. astronaut, Norman Thagard, 51, and two Russian cosmonauts were lifted skyward from the launching pad that the Soviet Union used more than 30 years ago for its two greatest space triumphs — the launching of Sputnik, the world's first satellite, and the flight of Yuri Gagarin, the first human to

orbit Earth. The giant rocket roared off the pad precisely on schedule at 11:11 A.M. after what appeared to be a flawless countdown.

Millions of Russians watched on television as the spacecraft disappeared into the stratosphere, and mission controllers said a short time later that it had achieved its prescribed

In the first two days of the flight, the three men will maneuver the craft to the Mir space station, then spend the next three months aboard the Mir conducting a variety of experiments on the effects of weightlessness on

human beings. They will return to Earth aboard the space shuttle Atlantis, which is scheduled to dock with the Mir in mid-June and install a new

The launching from this space center, which is leased from the former Soviet republic of Kazakhstan, was part of an ambitious joint research effort made possible by the end of the Cold War.

The once adversarial American and Russian space programs are being brought together by using the strengths of each to develop a new international space station.

Russia, which is struggling to keep its space program operating, will receive \$100 million a year from the United States through 1997 in

exchange for use of the Mir and information gathered from two decades of long-duration stays in space. U.S. shuttles will ferry American and Russian crews back and forth to the Mir, and U.S. astronauts will spend up to 21

months aboard the space station. The countries will work together in space to extend the life of the Mir — it is nine years old, although was built to last only three to five years - until a new space station can be sent aloft by a five-nation consortium in late

Two cosmonauts already have flown in the shuttle. Sergei Krikalev was the first, in February 1994. Vladimir Titov was aboard the shuttle Discovery last month when it had a near rendezvous with the Mir.

Mr. Thagard is the first American to take part in the exchange. He and a backup astro-naut, Bonnie Dunbar, have been training for more than a year at Star City in living conditions much more basic than those experienced by astronauts in the United States.

The two were provided with small Russianyle apartments and, like typical Russian cosmonants, had no washing machines or cars, according to NASA officials. There was also only one local food store at which they could shop, and it stocked little more than the Russian staples of salami, potatoes, frozen fish, cheese, fruit and dairy products. Condi-tions improved substantially after NASA stepped in, several months into the training

At a news conference Monday before the launching, Mr. Thagard, who has taken part in four shuttle flights, seemed at ease in his Russian surroundings and with his Russian colleagues, joking and talking with them behind a glass isolation wall.

He said he was delighted to have the oppor-tunity to fly on the Soyuz and was comfortable with the prospect of being crammed into a tiny spacecraft of the type the United States stopped using in 1972 when it shut the Apollo space program and turned toward developing the shuttle, which was first used in 1981.

# **Terror Ring Planned to Target Jews** In New York Attacks, Informer Says

NEW YORK - Emad Salem, the informer who secretly recorded the 11 men on trial for sedition in Federal District Court in Manhattan, has testified that some of the defendants had planned in early 1992 to explode 12 bombs at once around the city, with Jewish leaders and institutions as their

main targets. On the stand for a third day, Mr. Salem continued to round out his portrait of what the prosecution has described as a ring of terrorists who intended to blow up New York City landmarks to protest U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East.

In questioning the former Egyptian military officer, the chief prosecutor, Andrew Mc-Carthy, tried to show that some of the defendants had spent several months in early 1992 u ying to obtain bomb parts.

ple as possible co-conspirators who had not been arrested or indicted in the plot.

One of the men he named, Mustapha Assad, was in the courtroom audience, the authorities said. At one point, Mr. Assad, who also goes by Musta-pha Mohammed, jumped to his feet and yelled at the witness.

This man is a liar and I will

deal with you," he screamed, as U.S. marshals converged on him. "Allah will deal with you. He's lying."
Marshals ejected Mr. Assad

from the courtroom. The jury must decide whether the men on trial plotted to put bombs in the Lincoln and Hol-land unnels, the United Na-tions and the FBI headquarters

in Manhattan. The government is also trying to prove that the killing of Rab-

During his testimony, Mr. bi Meir Kahane in 1990 and the Salem, 45, named several peo-bombing of the World Trade Center in 1993 were part of the same conspiracy.

Prosecutors have said that an Egyptian cleric, Sheikh Omar Abdel Rahman, was the spiritual leader of the group.

But Mr. Salem said it was El of killing Rabbi Kahane, who first proposed a plot to bomb 12 Jewish targets at once, including a state judge and a state legislator. Mr. Salem said Mr. Nosair

Sheikh Ali Shinawy, an administrator at the Abu Bakr Mosque in Brooklyn, when they visited Mr. Nosair in Attica State Penitentiary in the late spring of 1992. Earlier in the year, Mr. Nosair had been acquitted of murder, but was convicted of gun possession charges in the killing.

# **Kazakh Legislators Fight Dissolution**

ALMA-ATA, Kazakhstan — A majority of deputies from Kazakhstan's disbanded Parliament met Tuesday and vowed to fight a dissolution order by President Nursultan A. Nazar-

A group of 130 deputies from ethe 177-seat chamber unanimously passed a motion contesting a constitutional court ruling that the legislature was illegiumate because elections

last year were flawed. Mr. Nazarbayev dissolved Parliament over the weekend, saying he had to bow to the court's decision.

president of using the ruling to rid himself of a problem legislature and rule by decree.

"The executive and judicial powers have taken revenge on Parliament," said one deputy, Olzhas Suleymenov.

Mr. Suleymenov said after the meeting that he wanted international arbitration to get Kazakhstan out of its constitu-

Mr. Sulcymenov, Kazakh- groundless. stan's main opposition figure. The deputies said the irregu-won recognition in the Soviet larities in the 1994 poll referred Union and the West for his to by the court applied to one campaigns against nuclear test-electoral district, not to the ing. He is expected to run in whole ballot.

But deputies accused the presidential elections in 1996. Despite the deputies' strong criticism, they stepped back Mr. Nazarbayev, a respected figure in the Commonwealth of Independent States and in the West despite his Communist

> They dropped the tag of "alternative assembly" and said they would try to convince Mr. Nazarbayev that the ruling was

# Iraqi General Tried, but Failed, to Oust Saddam

By Elaine Sciolino New York Times Service

DAMASCUS - The head of Iraqi military intelligence during the Gulf War tried but failed to over-throw President Saddam Hussein early this month, according to American intelligence reports.

Wafiq Samaraii, a retired major general who was relieved of his military intelligence post in a purge, apparently tried to mount a coup with Iraq's main opposition group and with help from the Kurds in the north and the Shiites in the south, the reports said.

Although there have been myriad reports of coup plots against the Iraqi leader since the end of the Gulf War in 1991, the Clinton administration took this plot seriously because it indicated some attempt to coordinate opposition in the north and south, senior officials said on Monday.

Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher considered the plot noteworthy enough to give King Fahd of Saudi Arabia, who professes a deep interest in Iraq, a lengthy briefing on it in Jidda.

Kurdish officials have tried to portray the coup attempt as an American-led effort to overthrow Mr. Saddam, but administration officials strongly denied the claim. The Central Intelligence Agency, however, runs a modest covert operation to help overthrow Mr. Saddam and received advance word of the coup at-

There is little agreement among Iraq-watchers on the significance of the coup attempt or whether it was a coup at all.

One reason the plot was doomed was that it was known about so widely in advance, according to senior Pentagon officials in Washington and Western diplomats in Damascus. American intelligence reports included prominent predictions of a coup, although officials initially denied their existence.

The primary reason the attempt failed was General Samaraii's exaggerated claims of wide support among Iraqi troops and elite Republican Guard units, officials in Washington said.

The coup was supposed to start with an attack against the 5th Corps by Kurdish forces loyal to Jalal alabani, who enjoys strong support from Washington. Some Kurdish troops and fighters from the Iraqi National Congress, the major opposition group, already had moved against one infantry division north

But as the coup began to unfold, rival Kurdish forces led by Massoud Barzani decided not to attack the 1st Corps farther south. The Kurdish forces "stood on the sidelines" when no Republican Guard units

defected or fled, a senior Pentagon official in Wash-

The goal was to force the collapse of the Iraqi army by mounting attacks from north and south, and overthrow the government with an armored force from Tikrit, Mr. Saddam's birthplace and the center of his support. But those forces also stayed on the sidelines when there was no intense fighting in the north.

According to some intelligence reports, Mr. Samar-

aii fled into Syria several days ago.

When there was a previous attempt against Mr. Saddam last January, members of the prominent Dur-

aimi family were purged from the army and govern-But fighting in northern Kurdistan continues, as well as low-intensity fighting by Shiites in the south

against the military.

"We don't think anybody knows where it is going," a senior administration official said. "But there does seem to be a higher level of tension in the country than

Some senior Western intelligence officials and diplomats who closely watch Iraq do not believe that the recent unrest in Iraq constituted a nascent coup. "Coup is too big a word," said a diplomat in Damascus. "It would mean preparation and effective military coordination, and there's just no evidence of that."

# Iraq Decries Renewed UN Ban

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches was driven out seven months
BAGHDAD — Iraqis on later by a U.S.-led coalition. Tuesday denounced a United Nations decision to maintain sanctions on Baghdad.

An Iraqi legislator, Abdel Kerim Jihad, said that although the UN decision had been expected, it was "further proof of the U.S. hegemony within the Security Council."

"Keeping up the embargo shows the lack of respect by the Security Council, controlled by Washington, for human rights, despite Baghdad's application of all UN resolutions," he said.

The oil and trade embargo was imposed in August 1990

The Security Council, in its periodic review Monday, left

member advocating an easing But France and Russia said they would follow the letter of a

1991 Gulf War cease-fire resohition, which calls for easing oil sanctions when Iraq has accounted for all its weapons of mass destruction and when a system of on-going monitoring is fully operative.

"What is needed is that France should take some serious steps to have relations back to normal while the embargo is after Iraq invaded Kuwait. Iraq on," said Abdulrazzaq Ha-

shimi, director of the foreign relations bureau of the ruling Arab Ba'ath Socialist Party. Mr. Hashimi, who was Iraqi

ambassador to France until the the sanctions intact with no Gulf War, promised Paris "dis-tinguished relations" if it helped lift the embargo. French oil company executives, among them Alain Leche-

valier, vice president of Total SA, are in Baghdad trying to finish deals on developing Iraqi oil fields when sanctions end. Total hopes to develop the Nahr Umar field in southern Iraq. Another French company,

to the neighboring Majnoon field. Each field could produce at least 300,000 barrels per day.

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# Sierra Leone Rebels Pledge To Release Foreigners Soon

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast - Sierra Leone rebels said government attacks would prevent them from releasing a group of kidnapped foreigners on Wednesday as planned, but they promised to free the captives "within a few days."

A Revolutionary United Front official, Alimamy Sankoh, said the release of the foreigners was stymied by "constant air raids and heavy artillery bombardments by foreign forces deployed by the military junta." Seventeen foreigners, including several nuns, disappeared in the west African country

between Nov. 7 and Jan. 25.

Speaking from the Ivory Coast border town of Danane, 510 kilometers (315 miles) northwest of Abidjan, Mr. Sankoh disputed reports that some of the abducted foreigners were ill.

The front is battling the military junta in Freetown led by Captain Valentine E.M. Strasser. The rebels assert that the junta is supported by Iran and China.

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# **CIA Back in the Cabinet**

#### It Shouldn't Happen

It was a buyer's market at the White House last week when President Bill Clinton called in John Deutch, second in command at the Pentagon, to sell him on taking the post of director of central intelligence. President Clinton's earlier selection, the retired air force general Michael Carns, was sinking fast and the White House was eager to have a substi-tute ready. Mr. Clinton got his man, and Mr. Deutch got his price: elevation of the post to cabinet rank.

It should not have happened. The last director of central intelligence to serve as a policymaker and cabinet member was William Casey during the Reagan administration. The policy he helped produce was the Iran-contra affair.

While there is no evidence that Mr. Deutch is likely to lead the Central Intelligence Agency back into illegal covert operations and Indiana Jones escapades, there are other important reasons not to mix intelligence and policy-making. One of the natural laws of Washington is that presidents and other policymakers prefer intelligence reports that support their policies.

When the intelligence chief sits at the cabinet table, it is harder to keep intelligence assessments from becoming polit-icized. The president of the United States needs disinterested intelligence, analysis more than John Deutch needs a

hand in making policy.

To do the job that is needed at the CIA, Mr. Deutch will have to be a strong manager and creative thinker, not a cabinet member. The inflated role and budget of the CIA and other intelligence agencies need to be reviewed and reduced. Nearly 70 percent of the work of these agencies was devoted to monitor-ing the Soviet Union and its military

#### A Policy Competitor?

Air Force General Michael Carns withdrew his name from nomination to be director of the CIA after questions were raised about whether he had violated the law in bringing in and paying a young Filipino who had lived with his family. Even if he had survived inquiry on these points, General Carns did not, he said, wish to be drawn into rebuttal of unspecified further "groundless, out-rageous tabloid charges" about his family. We do not presume to speak on these mysterious charges. But it is fair to say that everything that came to light about the professional capacities of General Carns after he was nominated for the CIA job indicated that he was especially well qualified for the job itself, and it would be interesting to know whether, apart from the immigration-law actions for which he accepted culpability, he was recklessly victimized in the way he suggests. There has been more than plenty of that kind of action in American politics in recent years, and it is a trend worth worrying about.

President Bill Clinton, once again em-

barrassed by the explosion of a high-profile nomination, quickly selected John Deutch, who had earlier turned him down for the CIA job, preferring to remain deputy secretary of defense.

Mr. Deutch's track record in science, industry and government gives him formidable credentials as intelligence chief. He cleared the confirmation hurdles recently enough, moreover, to suggest that he can meet the expansive tests of personal conduct that are now routinely put to aspirants for appointive as well as elective office.

Evidently as part of the negotiating that brought the reluctant Mr. Deutch from the Pentagon to Langley, he was offered cabinet rank and promised a

of warm weather that turns a Sunday into

a playground, and a Monday into an

Now that the sun is hanging around a little longer and the wind has lost its steel

underpinning, half the city decided on

Sunday that spring was here. The other

half must surely have come to the same

conclusion on Monday, when the tem-

perature reached an almost summer-like

On both days New Yorkers were out.

excuse for a three-hour lunch.

Spring in New York

There's something about a sudden rush hoops. If they owned dogs, they were teaching them to play fetch with old tennis balls. If they were shoppers they were

forces during the Cold War. While most of that work became outmoded when the Soviet Union disintegrated more than three years ago, the \$28 billion annual intelligence budget has scarcely declined since.

Mr. Deutch is an official with strong views who does not shrink from express-ing them. He has not always been an advocate of change. As the author of the administration's nuclear policy review. he resisted changes in an outmoded strategy and opposed deeper nuclear cuts. He has yet to reveal what he thinks about the CIA and the other intelligence agencies, but he is enough of an insider to appreciate their failings and enough of an outsider to try to shake them up.

In announcing Mr. Deutch's selection, Mr. Clinton regretted the withdrawal of General Carns, whose employment of a Filipino household worker may have violated labor and immigration law. Both President Clinton and General Carns complained that the confirmation process had become scalding and unfair to nominees

They were too quick to blame the process in a case where the nominee's record turned out to be questionable and required thorough investigation. General Carns's successful career in the air force did not entitle him to a coronation as intelligence director.

Instead of bemoaning the treatment of General Carns, Mr. Clinton should have thanked the Senate Intelligence Committee and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for saving the administra-tion from a worse embarrassment on a sensitive appointment.

It is now up to Mr. Deutch to prove that he can help rebuild the CIA without making it the pliable servant of administration policy.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

broad role in setting national security policy. The word was out that this was a move on Mr. Deutch's part to avoid being blocked and more or less downsized in his job by White House personnel the way his predecessor, James Woolsey, was. But such a step would go far beyond addressing the difficulty that Mr. Clinton's first CIA director had in gaining regular access to a president notoriously aloof, at the start anyway, from intelligence

What would Mr. Deutch get from cabinet rank? For Ronald Reagan's man at CIA, William Casey, who had it, it evidently meant the license to make foreign policy, not just supply the administration with intelligence. It also gave him strong political status in warding off those in the Reagan administration who thought that in Iran-contra and elsewhere he was exceeding his authority and using the unique capacity for secrecy of the CIA to do so.

John Deutch is no Bill Casey. But the institutional rearrangement seems nonetheless a bad idea whoever the head man at the CIA is to be.

It would convert the director of the CIA, who is also by statute director of intelligence produced elsewhere in govemment (by the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency etc.), from analyst to advocate. From being a nominally objective adviser to the president and the departmental chiefs, he becomes something of a com-petitor in policy debate, risking the credibility of his intelligence judgments.

Plenty of dismal history demonstrates the dangers of breaking down the wall between the two roles. This is far too consequential a step to take, and an illadvised one at that, merely to meet the crisis of the day and the demands of a prospective appointee.

at the flea markets, and if they were

They were strolling along the water-

fronts, hanging out at street corners, rid-

ing the subways and buses to this park

and that museum. They were playing

three-card monte, which is a dumb idea,

and softball, which is not, and reading

the papers on park benches. Some were

also reading faces, which, given the infi-nite variety of New York faces, is the kind of hobby that can last a lifetime.

Before the month is out, New York

may suffer snow, sleet, hail, maybe even a

deluge of frogs. (You never know around

here.) No matter. Spring — forget the

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

calendar — is here.

eaters they were everywhere.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

# A Dollar Plunge Is Dangerous, and Mexico Matters New York — It is no coincidence that the dollar started rebounding lmost immediately after the Mexican yernment unveiled its long delayed sterity plan last week. The peso rock source off the dollar started of the dollar started rebounding lines. The peso rock source off the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve that the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve that the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve that the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve that the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the Mexico to reserve the dollar started rebounding lines immediately after the dollar started rebounding lines

pressure off the dollar worldwide - but this may just be a breathing space.

What happens next in Mexico -- can the government make its plan stick? — is the most important question.

The \$50 billion package to bail Mexico out of its mistakes has frightened international markets. The very fact that billions can be drawn by the Mexican central bank to repay private creditors and thus allow them to pull out of pesos means that vast amounts of new dollars are being pumped into the system.

At the same time, the collapse of the

peso has spread the contagion throughout South America and on to other developing countries. Not only foreign investors in emerging countries but their own investors as well are selling off their stocks and bonds or liquidating bank de-posits and heading for safety disewhere. This now is bad news for the dollar.

In the old days, Latin money fled for safety mostly in Miami and New York. But when central banks in Latin America supply dollars now for flight capital to take wing, the money also flees to Europe, Asia and of course U.S. investors.
Fund managers in London, Zurich and, increasingly, New York as well are not content to take shelter principally in

dollars, as Latin Americans once were. A

proportion of these dollars will be sold for Deutsche marks, Swiss francs and

yen. Hence, the more dollars pumped

last year's high interest rates and heavy losses from derivatives. This has been followed by the disappearance of Barings in a single weekend and the specter of Mexico spiraling. from investment star to villain in a mat-

ter of weeks at a tremendous cost to

The impact of the Mexican crisis on

the dollar has been particularly dramatic

because international financial institu-

tions and investors are already nervous.

During the past year, markets have been

hit by shock after shock, starting with

international investors. The result is a widespread shift to international assets of the highest quality, and a sharp increase in the demand for much more liquid investments. Treasury bills and government securities are preferred, as well as deposits with a few large international banks.

This flight to safety also prompts a shift by investors back into their home currencies, where they feel most comfortable. Thus, Europeans are moving into Deutsche marks and Swiss francs. Japanese and other investors in Asia are returning to yen.

But about 60 percent of the world's central bank reserves are held in dollars, which is four times the proportion of Deutsche mark assets and six times that of the yen. So even a modest flight from dollars to marks and yen has a big impact on currency values. Proportionately more

a rate of \$100 billion a year and more. Even before the Mexican crisis, this outflow was rapidly decreasing because last year's rising U.S. interest rates made emerging markets look less appealing. A more buoyant bond market also was beginning to attract foreign buyers back to
U.S. Treasury bonds, giving the dollar
additional support. But the dollar began
to skid as the crisis in Mexico escalated.

In the absence of a feeling of security about the stability of markets and financial institutions, the structure of the world's reserves puts the dollar at risk. The dollar's role, as about 60 percent of the world's reserves, far exceeds Amer-ica's relative position in the world economy, where it accounts for just over 20 percent of total activity. Even including the whole of the dollar bloc in the Americas, the supposedly natural holders of dollars do not add up to anything close to

60 percent of the world economy.

Because America has been running a substantial balance of payments deficit, still more dollars must be absorbed somewhere in the system. So investors outside the dollar bloc have to be persuaded to be willing buyers of dollar assets. This becomes increasingly difficult to achieve, and thus the possibility that they will jump out of dollars at the next shock increases the sense of financial uncertainty.

Unfortunately, there are good reasons. to expect more shocks and alarms in

with its corporations deep in dollar debt. Nevertheless, the new Mexican plan is a step in the right direction since it raises confidence and reduces Mexico's need to draw on the \$50 billion credit line.

Yet if confidence begins to crode again and new drawings become necessary, the pressure on the dollar can quickly resume. This is why an essential precondition for restoring dollar stability is to resolve Mexico's fundamental problems and not just throw dollars at them. Those who shrug and say "So what?"

to a falling dollar are wrong. A precipi-tous fall in the world's premier reserve and trading currency is very dangerous.

It would be bad for growth because sooner or later the Federal Reserve would be forced to raise interest rates, with effects most likely spilling over into financial markets everywhere. Higher currency values in Europe and Japan would harm those countries' exports. Currency instability would close the capital markets to developing countries, and that would impede growth everywhere. Last but not least, any further fall in

the dollar would simply increase the risk of more shocks, giving the downward spiral yet another kick.

The writer, secretary of the Group of Thirty, a research group of bankers and iics, heads his own financial consultancy. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

# Cut Out the Bickering and Give Business a Strong Lead at the WTO

PARIS — Instead of hastening to provide the World Trade Organization with the strong leader it must quickly have, governments have been deadlocked for months over the choice of director-general. The unseemly spectacle of squabbling between the European Union and Washington is causing dismay among

It will be a long haul before the staggeringly large estimated in-crease in world annual income of \$510 billion that could flow from the Uruguay Round agreements becomes reality. Even the most sanguine predictions do not expect this goal to be attained before 2005 at the earliest. Meanwhile, there is no time to

be lost in getting the World Trade Organization off to a strong start. Everything is still to be achieved,

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and there is a vast expanse of uncharted waters in international trade policy to be navigated. It is one thing to agree to the most ambitious trade liberalization package ever attempted, quite an-

other to implement it.

With the growing complexity
of international trade, the WTO will have far wider responsibilities than GATT ever had. The WTO's dispute-settlement mechanism will have sharper teeth than GATT's, but it must be respected. This will happen only if governments choose to concede the necessary authority to the WTO, even if decisions go against their short-term national interests. On the WTO's agenda are the stronger rules agreed upon under the Uruguay Round to curb nontariff barriers, limit restrictive conditions on foreign investment, extend better protection for intellectual property rights, and — a major innovation — establish an ongoing process for further liber-

alizing of trade in services. The WTO is expected to cover this new ground successfully at a time when the much talked about alobalization of business is giving rise to new trade tensions. The countries of Eastern and Central Europe complain that they are denied sufficient access for their goods in Western markets. West Europeans fear that competition from Asian producers will destroy jobs in their own countries. Another contentious issue that

will require careful handling in the WIO is that of trade restrictions to enforce environmental or labor standards, all too easily a pretext for protectionism.

If ever there was a time when the cause of multilateralism in trade needed a resolute champion, it is now.

It is not my place to express a preference for one candidate or another - Renato Ruggiero of Italy, supported by the European Union but not favored by the United States, Kim Chal Su of South Korea, who has the backing of much of Asia, or whatever other name might emerge. But it surely is not too much to hope that governments will be sufficiently farsighted to realize that whoever is chosen to head an organization dedicated to mulitlaterism in

the candidate of any one region. Altogether different criteria than national or regional origin should be decisive. The job should go to somebody with the international stature, the competence, the energy and the vision that this exceptional post requires.

It seems to be becoming a habit among some governments (as the bargaining over who should be the new incombent at the OECD. demonstrated) to see key international appointments as a chance to extend their influence. Busiss wants the best person available to head the WTO, irrespective of his or her national origin.

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# Sensible Expansion of NATO Will Protect Both Europe and America

WASHINGTON — President Bill Clinton's four trips to Europe last year underline an inescapable fact: The United States has become a European power in a sense that goes beyond traditional assertions of America's "commitment" to Europe. In the 21st century, Europe will still need the active American involvement that has been a necessary component of the continental balance for half a century. Conversely, an unstable Europe would still threaten essential national security interests of the

the Cold War as it was during it.

fying force Europe has seen in not squandered. United States. This is as true after

I do not intend to suggest that nothing has changed. Local con-flicts, internal political and eco-nomic instability, and the return of historical misuscent have of historical grievances have replaced Soviet expansionism as the greatest threat to peace in Europe. Western Europe and America must jointly ensure that tolerant democracies become

for European and Canadian affairs. rooted throughout Europe and two-phase program for 1995. Durthat angry legacies of the past are ing the first part of this year, contained and solved. The emocontained and solved. The emotional but also practical lure of the West can be the strongest uni-

generations, if the opportunity is The tragedy of Bosnia does not diminish the responsibility to build a new security architecture. As the greatest collective security failure of the West since the 1930s, it only underscores the ur-

gency of that task. The central security pillar of the new architecture is NATO. Expansion of NATO is a logical and essential consequence of the disappearance of the Iron Curtain and the need to widen European unity based on shared democratic values. NATO has embarked on a

internal discussion the rationale and process for expanding new, post-Cold War NATO.

In the months prior to the December 1995 ministerial meeting, NATO's views will be presented individually to members of the Partnership for Peace — the first such detailed discussions on the subject to take place outside the alliance. In December, NATO ministers will review the results of these discussions before deciding how to proceed. Several key points should be stressed:

 NATO expansion must strengthen security in the entire region, including nations that are The rationale and process for

not members.

# Give That Chernobyl Burden Away

PARIS — The ghost of Chernobyl, site of the worst civilian nuclear accident in history, hannts Europe. Unless it is banished, economic reform may be threatened in Ukraine, and with it the country's independence and embryonic democracy.

The explosion and fire at the power plant in 1986, which sent radioactive smoke as far north as Sweden, could strike again, for the disaster disclosed serious flaws in the design of the two reactors still in service.

Today the giant cement and steel sarcophagus covering much of the remains of reactor No. 4 at Chernobyl, 100 kilometers north of Kiev, is casting a pall over the economic program of President Leonid Kuchma,

Since his election in July, the government has taken decisive steps to reverse the hyper-inflation, depression and pauperiza-tion that followed independence in 1991. It is a staggering task. The average wage is \$27 a month, and 40 percent of all workers are underemployed. Many city dwellers survive on regetables grown in family gardens in the countryside.

On March 3, the government initialed an agreement with the International Monetary Fund that committed Ukraine to keep its deficit under 4 percent of GDP this year and bring the inflation rate down to I percent a month by December - from 40 percent last month, in exchange, the IMF intends to begin releasing a \$1.5 billion standby loan on April 1.

By Georges de Ménil

more than that \$1.5 billion. It needs \$5.3 billion in aid to finance its trade delicit and to pay off parts of loans from Russia and Turkmenistan. The Chernobyl problem is stalling an international effort to put

together a second loan package.
The European Union is balking. It has not released \$100 million it conditionally agreed to lend Ukraine in 1994, and will not consider a 1995 loan until its conditions are met.

The main condition is that Ukraine close Chernobyl, which provides 7 percent of the nation's energy. Environmentalists in Germany want it closed. So does France's nuclear power industry, because accidents galvanize foes of such power. And so do the Ukrainian people.

Why can't the Europeans and Ukrainians agree? The problem goes beyond the energy shortfall that a shutdown would cause. Once the remaining reactors are turned off, Chernobyl has to be cleaned up, and the reactor waste and contaminated machinery have to be disposed of safely.

The cost of such a cleanup is unknown. A minimum estimate, by the World Bank, is \$2 billion over 10 years. What is clear is that Ukraine cannot afford it -but Europe can. The government fears, legiti-

mately, that once the reactors are turned off, potential international donors will lose interest in Chemobyl and Kiev will be left But the government needs with the responsibility for the ment to The New York Times.

sarcophagus. Legitimately, the Europeans hesitate to commit themselves to an undertaking whose cost cannot be estimated. To break the logiam, Ukraine should give Chemobyl to Euratom, the European Union's nu-

clear agency, or to a broader consortium, so that neighbors could close down the reactors with confidence that they were in control of the hazards. The Europeans could use their expertise to make the site safe. In return, Europe could give Ukraine help in replacing this source of power — with new

reactors - and in conserving energy by modernizing technology. The second loan package, unlocked by the resolution of the problem, would enable the economy to begin to recover and grow, as other transition economies like the Czech Republic's

and Poland's have done. If the West declined to accept Chernobyl, the alternatives might be financially and politically costly. Without the second loan package, Ukraine's economy would slip further, and the resulting hardship would threat-

on the country's stability. It might split up or slip into a satellite dependence on Russia, whose nuclear lobby wants Chernobyl kept open. A Ukraine in deepening economic crisis would need every last kilowatt of power that Chemobyl produced - until the next disaster.

The writer is a senior editor of Economic Policy, a European journal. He contributed this comNATO's expansion will be transparent, not secret.

trade must not be perceived as

• There is no timetable or list of nations that will be invited to join NATO. These will emerge as the process moves forward.

• Each nation will be considered individually, not as part of some grouping.

TOURE SORTEO ON cise a veto. As was the case in the original Washington treaty, new members must be democratic, have market economies, be committed to responsible security policies and be able to contribute to the alliance. As President Clinton has stated, Countries with repressive political systems, countries with designs on their neighbors, countries with militaries unchecked by civilian

systems need not apply."

• Each new NATO member constitutes for the United States the most solemn of commitments: a bilateral defense treaty that extends the U.S. security umbrella to a new nation. This requires ratification by two-thirds of the U.S. Senate, a point that is often overlooked.

control or with closed economic

NATO expansion cannot occur in a vacuum. If it did, it would encourage the very instabilities it was seeking to avoid. In addition to NATO, the new architecture involves the European Union and other arrangements such as the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

If the West is to create an enduring and stable security framework for Europe, it must solve the most enduring strategic problem of Europe and integrate the nations of the former Soviet Union, especially Russia, into a stable European security system. The U.S. goal remains a healthy

and democratic Russia pursuing

reform and respecting its citizens' rights. This is why the events in Chechnya are so disturbing.

As Russia undergoes a historic transformation, it would be a terrible mistake to react reflexively to each of the ups and downs it experiences. If the forces of reform are embattled, the United

from, its support for them. Enhancement of stability in Central Europe is a mutual interest of Russia and the United States. NATO, which poses no threat to Russian security, seeks a direct, open relationship with Russia that both recognizes Russia's special position and stature and reinforces the integrity of the other newly independent states of the former Soviet Union. Informal discussions on a possible new NATO-Russia relationship, highly preliminary, began in January when Secretary of State Warren Christopher met in Geneva with

Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev. Any such arrangements must consider the special case of Ukraine. Its geostrategic position makes its independence and integrity a critical element of Euro-

pean security.

As the great architect of European unity, Jean Monnet, ob-served, "Nothing is possible with-out men, but nothing is lasting without institutions." The efforts of Mr. Monnet, George Marshall and others produced unparalleled. peace and prosperity for half a century — but only for a half a continent. The task ahead is as dannting as its necessity is evident. To turn away from the challenge would only mean paying a higher price later.

This comment was adapted for the International Herald Tribune from the current issue of Foreign Affairs.

#### IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

#### 1895: Rout in Cuba

NEW YORK - The Herald has a special cable despatch from Havana, dated yesterday [March 13] which says that the Government announces that 100 troops under Colonel San Felice, after a desperate fight, routed 400 insurgents near Guantanamo. The latter lost fifty killed and wounded. The Government loss was six killed. Spanish cavalry subsequently joined in hot pursuit of the defeated rebels.

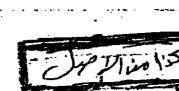
#### 1920: Calm in Berlin

BERLIN - The capital remains calm after yesterday's [March 13] coup d'Etat. The streets were almost descrited, but military patrols were in evidence. The new Berlin government says there is no truth in the rumors that compulsory military service is to be re-established and that plans for

war have been prepared. The Government desires peace. In offi-cial circles it is stated that the new government will undertake the restoration of the country. It considers, however, that the Allies must, not make excessive demands, in particular it cannot reduce the German army below 250,000.

#### 1945: Deadliest Bomb LONDON - A bomb weighing

22,000 pounds, the biggest and most deadly explosive weapon ever constructed, was dropped for the Estatus and the constructed of the constructed o for the first time today [March 14] a by R.A.F. Lancaster bombers in an attack on a viaduct at Bielfeld in northwest Germany. The bomb. which weighs eleven tons according to American weight, is nearly, twice as heavy as the so-called earthquake bomb which sank the Tupitz and penetrated the filteen-foot thickness of the concrete roots of U-boat shelters.



70-plus degrees (around 22 degrees centigrade) in Central Park, and men doffed their jackets and women their coats. blinking a bit like Punxsutawney Phil on Groundhog Day. If they were old, they were bringing their folding chairs out to the sidewalk and positioning them in a patch of sunlight. If they were young (or thought they were), they were shooting

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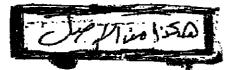
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#### **OPINION/LETTERS**

# The Old Rules Still Apply To High-Tech Financiers

By Edwin M. Yoder Jr.

WASHINGTON — By common Lewis Allen's classic "Only Yester-day," the conventional wisdom was that the shakiness of the stock market and the falling dollar. Both strongly magnified by the "pyramiding" of suggest that the old, nearly forgot assets, usually in the form of unregular as we had assumed.

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y speculating on derivatives share in a real company. "linked," as the jargon has it, to the fluctuations of the Tokyo stock exchange. Even some brokers seem to

#### Derivatives are rather like the designer drugs that slip by the narcotics laws.

lost \$13 billion last year.

But derivatives are no more mysterious than anything else gamblers hight bet on. Mr. Leeson is British and the British are, among their many charms, a nation of gamblers. When that passion can be slaked on racehorses or soccer games you know, at least, what the odds and risks are. Racehorses and soccer teams usually run to form.

Despite the incalculable risks, however, derivatives have been palmed off on gullible investors not as esoteric bets concocted with com-

puters, which they are, but as legiti-mate investments, which they are not. A friend asks: "If you buy deriva-tives and lose money on them, what exactly do you lose and who pays?" Good questions. The answer is that derivatives are mere numbers in cyberspace, no more valuable than the good faith of the vendor or the luck of whatever trend you bet on. Sellers of derivatives, like the managers of gambling casinos, are making a great deal of money; buyers, like those who play the house at casinos, tend to lose losing. It is still as P. T. Barnum said.

Is no one protecting the suckers, even when they gamble with public funds — as Orange County, California, did? You might have assumed that such risk-taking had been discording former in the coach of 1000 credited forever in the crash of 1929 and that in America the securities laws would provide protection. But these ingenious devices for bilking the naive are rather like the designer

drugs that slip by the narcotics laws. When I was studying economics, and reading books like Frederick

late are the false hure of derivatives in the late 1920s had been ruinously ten wisdom about the dangers of lated margin accounts. You could speculation may not be as outworn begin with a modest sum and, so long. Nicholas Lecson, a 28-year-old paper assets. And at least the lever-hotshot securities trader in Singapore, brought down Barings Bank derivatives, represented a fractional as the market rose, you could pile up

As for the dollar, its recent vulnerability to speculative assault would have been easily explained under the old rules. Americans for years have been running chronic balance of payments deficits in the range of \$100 billion a year, exporting dollars in vast amounts. Only because the dollar has been favored in the international oil trade, and because the Arab oil-producing be befuddled by these paper assets, states tend to recycle oil dollars, as whose U.S. buyers are said to have automobile dollars are by the Japanese, has the greenback held up against hard currencies which are

less lavishly spread about. But when the United States decided as an emergency measure to anchor the faltering Mexican peso to the dollar, it tied a stricken currency to a troubled currency, with results that might have been predicted. The speculators moved in.

Reserve currencies once drew strength from the sponsoring government's willingness to take drastic measures -- exchange controls, high interest rates (even at severe domestic cost) and the massive purchase of the currency when under attack to punish speculators. These old techniques came to a sort of symbolic end some months ago when the British government blew a vast war chest trying to defend the pound

against a similar attack. The old defensive techniques now have almost no effect on speculators. In the world of the electronic superhighway, with the planet swamped with money, currency speculators can make such profits on minuscule daily fluctuations in exchange rates that they are immune

to government defenses. That being the case, the dollar and other currencies are putty in the speculators' hands and will be unless a substitute can be devised for the pegged currency values that Washngton tossed casually aside for the brave new world of the "float" some 20 years ago. As with derivatives, it would appear that there was wisdom in certain old lessons of finance we

learned years ago but abandoned. Washington Post Writers Group.



#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Brakes on Development

Regarding the Copenhagen summit for social development, is there a chance, realistically, that the industrialized world can lift the Third World countries into the in-

dustrial age?
All industrial countries together represent less than 20 percent of the global population. So for each person in the developed world, four other people are asking for support. And only China among the major developing countries has taken serious steps to limit its growth rate.

The grain surpluses of North America, Australia and New Zealand are just sufficient to cover the deficit in the Third World. There is not enough energy and arable land to extend this figure at the rate required by present population

growth trends. Without a strong commitment from the developing countries and drastic measures to curb population

growth while enhancing education, the situation is sure to deteriorate. HERBERT F. MATARE, Düsseldorf.

#### Mexico. Maize and Debt

The article "A New Slant on the Origins of Agriculture" (Features, March 9) by John Noble Wilford throws into tragic relief the situation in Mexico today.

Maize was first domesticated in

the Tehuácan valley of Central America. Today, thanks to neoliberal policies imposed first by the International Monetary Fund, Mexicans are no longer self-sufficient in maize and are forced to import 20 percent of this, their

Mexico, like many poor countries, has been encouraged by the IMF to replace vital food crops such as maize and beans with export-oriented crops like strawberries. The IMF insisted, as it does in all such negotiations, that subsidies and trade barriers on agricultural goods be lifted. As a result, Mexico's undercapitalized and impoverished agricultural sector was forced

staple food.

to compete with the highly subsi-dized U.S. agricultural sector. With the undermining of its domestic agricultural sector, and with a rise in essential imports, Mexico. like many Third World countries, is moving further into dependency and debt. It is today unable to feed its own people. Almost 20 percent of the population has no cash income; more than 40 percent make less than the minimum wage

of \$3 per day.

It is no wonder then that Mexico is in a state of political and economic turbulence. The wonder is that the hungry people of Mexico have not rebelled before.

ANN PETTIFOR. Debt Crisis Network. London.

#### No to a New 'Community'

Regarding the editorial "An Atlantic Community" (Feb. 14):

Perhaps you missed the November elections in the United States, where people voted to reduce the size of government, not make it bigger and more distant. Possibly you have not noticed European leaders telling their electorates that they will be more cautious about European integration.
You might not have noticed the World Health Organization backpedaling furiously, trying to be more responsive and less prescriptive. Or the fact that GATT has opened up trade worldwide, reducing the need for other economic agreements. I don't think Europeans or Americans are in dire need of more government. You have proposed an "Atlantic Community," but you have de-scribed an Atlantic Bureaucracy.

With the global banking and market system in place now, there is no need for another organization to "coordinate" economic policy. In foreign policy, recent successes by the United States and NATO have come from ad hoc coalitions.

A "community" consists of people or nations with common interests; you have proposed a group of states with common institutions. Even if the people were to accept such a notion, it would slow things down, not make them better.

ALAN B. STROM. Bristol, England.

# For the 50,000th Time, 'All the News That's Fit'

By James Barron

page news in No. 1: "In England, political affairs are quiet." So were two stories about New-York, a city that still had a hyphen in its name: a 35-year-old Manhattan woman had died in police custody. and two Death Row inmates were facing execution.

No. 25,320 was the one that said Lindbergh did it, flying to Paris in 33% hours. No. 30,634 described the

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Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. No. 35,178 reported that the Supreme Court had banned segrega-tion in public schools. No. 40,721 said that men had walked on the moon, No. 46,669 that the space

shuttle Challenger had exploded.
On Tuesday, 143 years and 177
days after No. 1 hit the streets, The New York Times publishes Vol. CXLIV, No. 50,000—its 144th volume, or year, and 50,000th issue.

Except for the Super Bowl and the copyrights in late-late movies, Roman numerals have gone the way of long-playing phonograph records and rotary-dial telephones. And in an industry where the numbers that matter most involve circulation and advertising linage, the 50,000th issue is the journalistic equivalent of a car odometer's rolling over. The day will be noted in passing at The New York Times. The newspaper is preparing to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Adolph S. Ochs's purchase of the paper next year.

"The best way we can celebrate" No. 50,000, Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, the chairman of The New York Times Co., said on Monday in a memorandum to the staff, "is by ensuring that our 50,001st edition is the best newspaper we can possibly produce." He added: "I'll fax you another memo when our 75,000th edition comes out."
Still, 50,000 is a lot of anything. It

is the number of copies of John Steinbeck's "Grapes of Wrath" sold every year in the United States, and the number of copies of Conrad Hilton's autobiography, "Be My Guest," stolen every year from hotel rooms around the world, the number of rhinestones that were in Liberace's grand piano, and the number of customers who crowd into

Harrods in London every day.

If all 50,000 issues of The New York Times were stacked in a single pile, one copy apiece, they would be roughly 300 feet (90 meters) taller than the Empire State Building, or 200 feet taller than one of the twin

NEW YORK — This was front towers at the World Trade Center. The idea of 50,000 days of headlines summons memories. No. 18,806 said that the Titanic had sunk after striking an iceberg. No. 28,958 reported the explosion of the dirigible Hindenburg, in Lakehurst, New Jersey, and No. 34,828, the

conquering of Mount Everest.
The New York Times has covered 28 presidents, starting with Millard Fillmore. No. 4,230 reported the death of Abraham Lincoln, No. 38,654 the assassination of John F. Kennedy and No. 42,566 the resignation of Richard M. Nixon. No. 10,000, on Sept. 24, 1883,

reported that J. P. Morgan's yacht had sunk. That issue had eight pages and a newsstand price of 2 cents. The daily-and-Sunday subscription price in those days was \$7.50 a year. Vol. I. No. 1 of The New-York Daily Times, as the newspaper was known, cost only a penny when it appeared on Sept. 18, 1851. There were no Sunday issues until No. 2,990 on April 21, 1861. But each day brought a new number, and the continuity was preserved even when the paper was not published. After strikes in 1923, 1953 and 1958, special sections were printed containing pages that had been made up when the paper was not published.

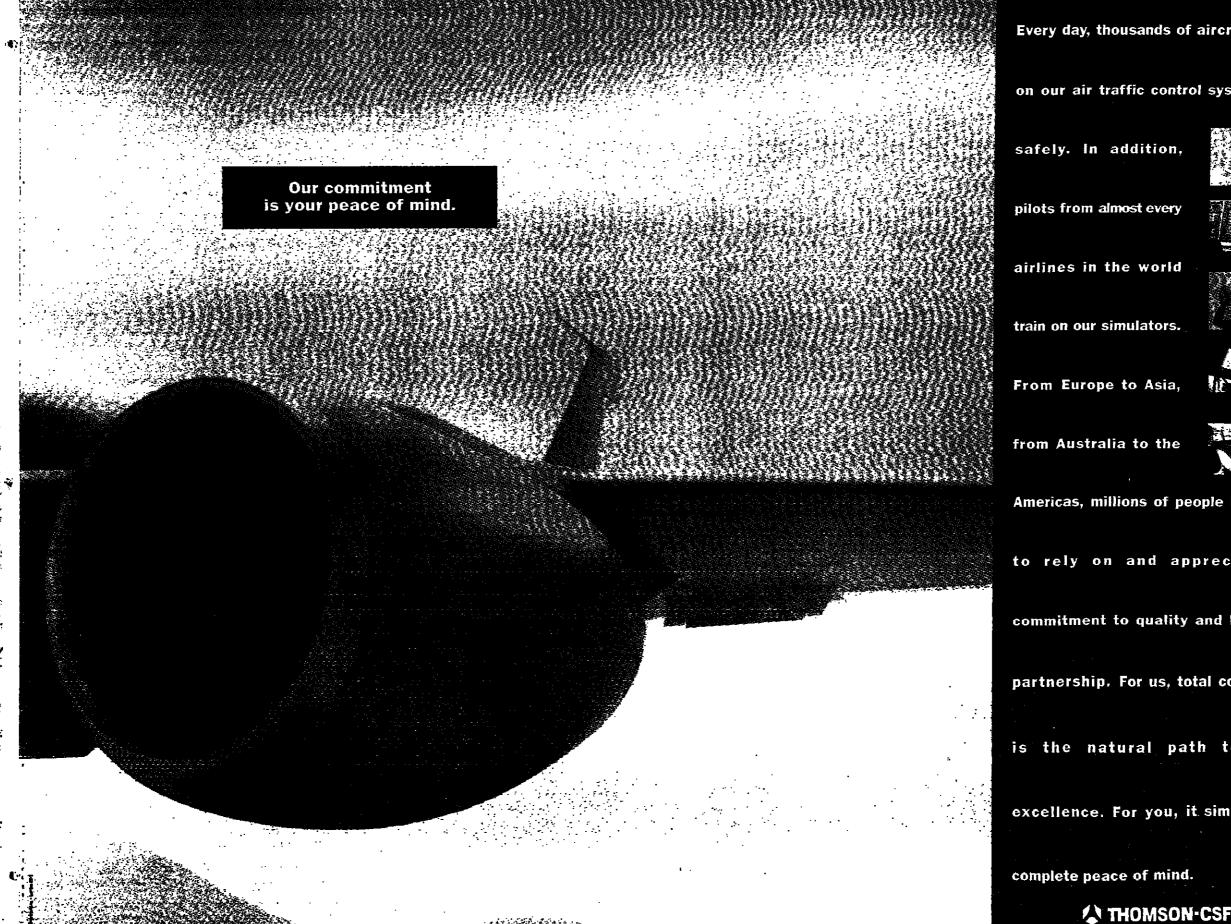
Continuity was also preserved during a 114-day strike in 1962 and 1963. The New York Times's West Coast edition kept the numbers going.

In 1965, when a 24-day strike halted The New York Times' operations in New York, its international edition in Paris kept publishing. That justified keeping the numbers going, even though the international edi-tion had its own different sequence.

No attempt at continuity was made during an 88-day strike in 1978. By then, The New York Times had suspended its international edition and become a partner in the International Herald Tribune. The last issue of The New York Times before the strike was No. 44,027. The first issue after the strike was No. 44,028.

The New York Times is one of the last papers in America to print the volume number (in Roman numerals) and the issue number (in Arabic) on its front page. Holt Parker, an associate professor of classics at the University of Cincinnati, says this tradition began in the Middle Ages, when scribes copied texts by hand.

Why does it continue? Dr. Parker can think of only one reason. "Because," he said, "it looks good." The New York Times



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# Tough and Tender: Boulez at 70

By David Stevens

ARIS — When Pierre Boulez sliced symbolically into an elaborate pastry construction the other evening at the Théâtre des Champs-Elysées. the cake was topped by a reproduction of the opening bars of his "Improvisation sur Mallarme III," which he had just conducted -along with works by Berg and Stravinsky - with the London Symphony Orchestra.

Actually, he was jumping the gun on his 70th birthday, which is not until March 26. But on that day he will be at the Cité de la Musique conducting "Rituel in Memoriam Maderna" on a multicultural program shared with a Japanese Gagaku orchestra.

This birthday year is shaping up as one of his busiest, at least in public. He and the

LSO have just completed, in both London and Paris, a set of six concerts. Each concert included a work by Boulez and music of composers he has persistently championed — Debussy, Ravel, Stravinsky, Bartók, Webern and Berg.

Around these concerts have been films, debates and discussions, mini-master-classes with young conductors and composers, and composer-meets-the-public sessions. Key subjects dealt with the composer and poets (Char, Mallarme, Cummings) and painters (Klee, Kandinsky).

The show goes on into June, mostly with the LSO, touching base in Chicago, New York, Vienna, Linz, Tokyo, Brussels and Lyon. Then Boulez opens the fall season of the Netherlands Opera, with Schoenberg's "Moses und Aron," staged by Peter Stein, a co-production with the Salzburg Festival. It is hard to think of a musician who has

had more of an impact, or a more durable impact, on the artistic/political life his

country. This has less to do with the com-poser than with the conductor, organizer, teacher, and bare-knuckles polemicist.

He has played a determining role in three major musical institutions created in the last quarter-century. After years of alienation from French musical life, he was lured back by Georges Pompidou to create the research institute IRCAM as an integral part of what became the Centre Pompidou.

He was in on the planning of the Opéra Bastille, where his advice has so far been largely neglected, and the new Cité de la Musique, which owes a lot to his ideas, and also has provided a home for the Ensemble Intercontemporain, the free-form orchestra of which he is president.

His public personality has both tough and tender aspects. Although he is no longer the fire-breathing modernist of the postwar years, he is still capable of an attack on the Enemy that can make even a neutral observer cringe. In a meet-the-pub-lic session Saturday, with a public of several hundred, he was all witty amiability. with only an occasional dig.

E jumped quickly from one ques-tion to another, discoursing on the relative merits of French and German bassoons ("a typical French dispute"), on average programming and repertory ("lazy" and "no great imagination"), on modernity in music (he identified two lines of descent, one from Debussy, one from Schoenberg). The great advantage of the Cité de la Musique he said uses that of the Cité de la Musique, he said, was that it was not just a concert hall, but a complex of ancillary services in an ambience "that does not intimidate people or make them feel like imbeciles." To one question about Boulez as composer he said, "That's for you

The conductor, in these concerts, also shows two aspects. His podium manner is lean and direct, but the results can be anything but dry. He wrung extraordinary intensity from Webern's Opus 6 orchestra pieces, and such 20th-century warhorses as Bartók's "Miraculous Mandarin" and Stravinsky's "Rite of Spring" got performances of tremendous impact, and splendidly alert playing from the orchestra.

He was a sympathetic accompanist for Daniel Barenboim's muscular attack on Bartók's first piano concerto, for Jessye Norman's lush singing of two sets of Berg songs, for Anne-Sophie Mutter's eloquent Berg violin concerto, as for Kyung-Wha Chung's vivid and gutsy account of Bartok's second violin concerto.

As for the composer, Boulez seems far from saying the final word. Five of the six works played in these programs have un-dergone revision and rethinking, sometimes more than once. The most extreme case is "Notations," the transformation of some laconic 1945 piano pieces into a kind of opulent orchestral showpiece.

Meanwhile, at the Cité de la Musique, the Ensemble Intercontemporain under David Robertson (the young Californian chosen by Boulez as its music director three years ago) had a huge public success with one of the more or less simultaneous world premieres (the others were in London and Frankfurt) of Steve Reich's "City Life."

The work, for winds, percussion and digital synthesizers, is a kind of five-movement symphony. It makes musical material out of spoken phrases, heartbeats, pile drivers and other city noises. The range is from fairly amiable daytime bustle to sinis-ter, smoke-filled night. It all seemed to go down well, and Robertson and his troops encored the final movement.



Judd Hirsch in "Conversations With My Father," left, and Peter Bowles in "In Praise of Love."

# A Snag in the Rattigan Revival

By Sheridan Morley International Herald Tribune

ONDON — "In Praise of Love" (Apollo Shaftesbury) will do little to keep the Rattigan revival bandwagon on the rails. Originally seen in 1973 as a one-actor called "After Lydia," it was then unwisely ex-panded to full length at the demand of

He is also, in a way, its central character, since the play concerns his relation-ship with Kay Kendall, when both of them knew she was dying of leukemia but entered an unspoken, infinitely English, conspiracy of tight lips to keep the news from each other.

As usual Rattigan is writing about the "English disease" of emotional suppression and understatement, but with none of the power of "The Deep Blue Sea" and 'Separate Tables.'

Peter Bowles and Lisa Harrow are adequate in an otherwise inadequate staging. At the Old Vic, Judd Hirsch dominates with blazing stagecraft Herb Gardner's "Conversations With My Father," a Broadway award-winner that most re-sembles several episodes of "Cheers"

By Marc Fisher

bought it. The back covers of

and classical albums, but some

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O'Neill's and even William Saroyan's bar-stool nostalgia.

But the problem with "Conversations" is that it is referential and reverential without having a lot that is new to say. In that sense it may well be very typical of tavern talk, but there is almost no central

Family skeletons are fleshed out, colorful characters arrive to enliven the scene (I am especially fond of Trevor Martin as the 90-year-old Yiddish theater veteran with his 12-minute version of "The Dyb-buk"), but in the end it is Hirsch and Hirsch alone who keeps this bar open all hours. Alan Ayckbourn is the director making valiant attempts to persuade us, albeit unsuccessfully, that there is a play as well as a performance here.

Originally entitled "What If?," and seldom revived in the half-century since it was written and briefly staged, Noël Coward's "Peace in Our Time" remains one of his most intriguing if uncharacteristic dramas. Currently revived by The Touring Partnership (Cardiff, Norwich, Bath, Newcastle through April), it offers a cast of 30 in a wartime London, which we discover early in the first scene is under Nazi occupation.

bolted together with half-remembered bits of Arthur Miller's and Eugene and again in 1945 and was intrigued by the

varying behavior of his friends there.
"Worse things than bombardment," he
wrote in his diary, "can happen to a city in
wartime," and the thing he had in mind was, of course, collaboration. He saw Chevalier, Guitry, Chanel accused with varying degrees of accuracy, and began to won-der how Londoners would have reacted to

invasion.

"Peace in Our Time" is raw, angry and thrilling: The clenched cigarette holders are still there, and the acid wit, and the fervent belief in the patriotism of the middle classes under pressure. But there's also a sense of action adventure that you will only find elsewhere in his film "In Which We Serve" and maybe "Caval-cade": The idea of a nation at breaking point, summoning up resources it never knew it had and almost let slip until too

Churchill shot, the royal family under guard and Hitler driving up the Mall had all been real possibilities a couple of years before this play was written, and what could now be no more than a period curiosity is given life by Coward's curious mastery of crowd scenes and sudden, searing insights into old, established London patterns of survival and success against the odds.

Wyn Jones's epic production urgently deserves a central London showing.

# Blues Guitar With a Cajun Accent

By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribune

ARIS --- Born in Mississippi, Sonny Landreth grew up and lives in Lafayette, southwestern Louisiana, the capital of Cajun culture. He finger-picks a guitar with his right hand like Chet Atkins and frets with a bottleneck on his left pinky. Nobody has ever done exactly that quite that way. Before stretching the envelope, he cut his teeth writing his own songs, playing and singing them with bands, booking his own gigs, getting the sound system together, putting up posters and driving the van. He produced and paid for his own records and personally delivered them to local stores. He once almost made Leon Russell miss his bus by trying to hustle a demo. Free enterprise. God Bless America. Along the way the Cajun culture got under his skin.

Cajuns are descendants of the Acadians, who emigrated from France to what is now Nova Scotia in the 17th century. Expelled in 1755 by the British, some sailed to Louisiana, where they were called Cajuns by natives mispronouncing "Acadian." In the 1970s, young Europeans revived the music of their ancestors. Zachary

Richard, with whom Landreth worked for an extended period of time, fused Cajun,

country and rock music, singing in French. Many older Cajuns were illiterate; music was their major cultural statement. TaiLafayette was a boom town, the business center for offshore oil drilling. The regional market was lively, there were clubs ev-

The neighboring Creole culture, with African roots, produced zydeco music. Clifton Chenier was crowned its "king." There was a lot in common between the Louisiana Creoles and poor white Cajuns. The subjects of their songs were similar — work, love, the land. Cajun and zydeco bands added guitars and drums and leaned increasingly toward electricity, rock, the blues, jazz and each other. Landreth is a

S a teenager he discovered the blues by way of English heroes. Then he discovered them in his own backyard. Chenier playing bluesy accordion blew him away. Landreth considers Chenier the "Mingus of zydeco." He'd run the accordion through an amplifier until the feedback became a wall of sound. In 1978, after Chenier heard Landreth jam on a "white night" in a Creole bar, he hired him as the first white member of his band, which included Clifton's brother Cleveland on rub-board (an improved

They adopted me as their own," Landreth recalls. He is in Europe promoting his new album "South of 1-10" (Zoo/ Prax- I woke up in Mississippi in '51 is/BMG), which features Allen Toussaint Migrated next door became a native stepson lored for dancing, it featured an accordion. and Mark Knopfler. Noel Redding named Grew up on the rhythm of Clifton and Clevea fiddle and a triangle. A typical Cajun it the best album of 1994. It's an unexpected

back-to-back all night long. The first Ca-jun recordings were made in the 1920s. everything with Clifton's band. I lived with them. Sometimes the biggest challenge was finding the joint. There were funky old wooden honky-tonks in the middle of rice fields. The people would come hours early to be sure to get a table. A lot of them were black cowboys who raised horses and herd-ed cattle. Playing with Clifton was a monu-mental experience."

Landreth had played the trumpet in high school. He could read music and was a fast learner. Calls came for record dates in mid-South studios in Memphis, Nash-ville, Austin, New Orleans and Lafayette. His slide guitar can be heard on "Osez Joséphine" by the popular young French chansonnier Alain Bashung, who was, Landreth explains, "in Memphis to pick up the vibe." The singer-songwriter John Hiatt hired him to replace Ry Cooder in his band. The Neville Brothers and John Mayall covered his song "Congo Square" Mayall covered his song "Congo Square."

Like Don Henley, whose vocal texture he sometimes resembles, he likes to write songs while driving a car. Looking at and talking and listening to Landreth intro-duces you to the best of southern America, where intellectual property is produced tooling around thruways. Not going anywhere in particular, Landreth drives on automatic pilot looking to land on licks and handles, such as:

band would play a two-step and a waltz twist on music you've already heard: "I did And the Red Hot Louisiana Band.

# Jerry Lewis, Speaking of the Devil

By Vincent Canby

EW YORK - Jerry Lewis is legitimate at last. Sixty-nine years ago this Thursday, Lewis was born in Newark, New Jersey, to begin what has possibly been the longest, most serpentine out-of-town tryout in the history of the American

He has done amateur theatricals, nightclubs, movies, benefits, personal appearances in movie palaces and television. He has been a comedy team with Dean Martin, Later, a sometimes triumphant single act in films, occasionally as his own star autobiography, which confesses as it inspires.

Broadway, where Sunday night he made his official, surprisingly self-effacing debut in the revival of "Damn Yankees" at the

writer, director and star. He has beat the New York Yankees — of steamy vapor, until the finale, already written the obligatory the time being the 1950s.

of steamy vapor, until the finale, the star plays it straight. He gives

Now he has finally reached Lewis is safe at home.

Taking over the role initiated year ago by Victor Garber, Lewis is playing the Devil himself, a fellow named Applegate. From a pied-à-terre in the base ment of the Senate Office Building. Applegate traffics in souls and makes it possible for the worst baseball team in the country, the Washington Senators, to

the star plays it straight. He gives a good, thoroughly accomthough not exactly with gusto.

This is probably a terrible than it first did.

options. It will be interesting to see what "Damn Yankees" is like in several months, especial-"Damn Yankees" is an ensemble ly if (as seems possible) Lewis

the verbiage reduced. Folded inside the jewel box, notes lost their marketing value. Since could read about their marketing value. Since they no longer help to sell the record albums — nearly all jazz

pop LPs as well - offered liner notes, essays of history, biography and musicology. At their best, they mixed hip hype, reporting and analysis, somehow capturing the feel of

the sounds within. Liner notes lured and taught the novice. They made decjays sound smart. In jazz especially, what the finest notes did was speakers aim to redefine "listransform a musical moment into a document, giving an evanescent performance a place in

Notes lent meaning and context to what might otherwise be an it first clid.

just another midnight session at
Lewis could be a valuable adthe Village Vanguard. They dition. He's a pro, studying his placed the lesser-known singer in a continuum, somewhere in the same universe, perhaps, as Billie Holiday or Joe Williams.

And now liner notes are nearperformed in private salons.

the point in paying for them. illuminate music. Disks designed to use the computer monitor in combination with

tening," imposing a visual element on the least visual of arts. Over the past year, the music CD-ROM made its first forays into the classical field, because the most serious fans of the most serious musical form are the most fertile market for the mass of information that can be

crammed onto a disk. Now the first jazz and pop CD-ROM offerings are on the market, and they capture perfectly the uneasy, ambivalent relationship between an art that

Compact disks changed the takes pride in its spontaneity designers who insist on using relationship between word and (every listener knows that Live! white type over a light back-Liner notes got bumped off the quality, but Live! still sells) and back cover and inside the packaging, where the type is tiny and and meaning to the listening

is 'It's better to have less text,' product, some labels don't see says Herb Wong, a California record producer who has writ-But the decline of liner notes ten notes on hundreds of jazz not a straight line down. albums and who has recently Now, CD-ROM promises a jumped aboard the CD-ROM new way for recording compa-bandwagon. The people who new way for recording companies and book publishers to make these CD-ROMs say if a market words that describe and listener wants to read, he'll pick listener wants to read, he'll pick up a book." In the age of the album, I

learned everything I knew about jazz from the liner notes," says Tim Masters, who presents "Jazz Masters" Saturday afternoons on Washington's WDCU-FM. "Nowadays, it's very frustrating when you have a great CD in your hand and there's nothing beyond the names of the people playing. It's shocking how little effort they put into the notes now. And even when there are notes, the biggest challenge is the chal-

lenge to my eyesight."

Even as new recordings are marketed with scanty notes, reissuers - still busy even after a decade of ransacking the tape vaults - are transforming liner notes into something closer to books. Some boxed sets are accompanied by tomes that are exhaustive and exhausting ac-

counts of history and discogra-AST year's Grammy for liner notes — the prize has been awarded since 1963 and has

gone to a jazz album 21 of 30 years - went to Joel E. Siegel, a Washington area producer and writer whose 180-page booklet accompanies "The Complete Billie Holiday on Verve 1945. 1959." Siegel's work is a grand example of the best of contemporary notes: encyclopedic, re- the music, and to do that, you vealing even honest in a way have to reach out to the pop LP notes never could be (When market," says Michael Lang, dinotes were right there for a po- rector of catalogue developtential customer to read, no la-ment at Verve, a label specializbel would permit them to dising in reissues of classic jazz close a musician's doubts about recordings. "That's why so the quality of a take or the many new jazz projects are weakness of a sideman.)

But notes like Siegel's demonstrate the limits of the CD form: "I'm sure it's great," Masters says, "but I couldn't read it to save my soul." CD

What Happened to Liner Notes?

CD-ROMs, the music is almost always lifted from publicdomain recordings — usually poor-quality LPs no longer covered by copyright. Producers say the new CD-ROM disks are so expensive to make -\$500,000 is a minimum, some say — that paying for rights to good recordings would force the retail price to unacceptably high levels.

The first generation of classi-cal CD-ROMs has much to offer. On "Multimedia Schubert: The Trout Quintet," critic Alan Rich, a veteran liner note writer, offers hundreds of pages of history, biography, analysis and even a quiz-all equally accessible to novice and expert. The Macintosh version even includes recipes for cooking trout.

The snazzy graphics do not exist for the sake of flash alone; on some disks, a listener can watch the score as it plays. On others, the structure of a piece comes to life in all manner of ingenious ways.

Click on one button and hear the theme extracted from several places in different movements. Click elsewhere and even the newcomer can hear a dramatic key change because the word HERE! flashes on the screen as it happens.

It's a terrific teaching tool, but it's also fun enough to snare the casual listener. At least that's the goal.

But customers willing to plunk down \$25 to \$60 for CD-ROMs are not the same folks who formerly discovered a new musician by casually picking up an album in a music shop. The concept of an easy, quick, literate guide to music before purchase appears to be lost for good.

"The current phrase in the record corporations is to 'grow geared much more to graphics, with liner notes that are either short or nonexistent. CD booklets are expensive."

CD-ROM advocates say it takes liner notes one giant step notes are plagued by the primainto the future. Its critics discy of design — tiny lettering, miss it as a novelty act.

The New York Times
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"Damn Yankees" is no knock-about, one-man telethon. For its run, "Damn Yankees" looks better and worse, he respects the as if it could use a little more of fact that this is a book show, a sweet, funny near-classic 1955 musical with a lovely score by

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From Lewis's first entrance,
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performed in private salons.

# BOOKS

OFF STAGE

Jonathan Yardley

By Betty Comden. 272 pages. \$23. Simon and Schuster. Reviewed by

B ETTY COMDEN is in her mid-70s now, contending not with the Grim Reaper but, as she puts it, "the Gradual Reaper. . . . Each night when go to bed, there is the excitement of not knowing what new infirmity I may face with the dawn. It is a kind of game, realme down to sleep. Age cannot Hammerstein and Ira Gershwither nor custom stale my infiwin, Comden and Green comnite anxiety."

Would you have known who parison with any of theirs. wrote those words if Betty Comden's name hadn't already is the story the reader might been supplied? Perhaps so, if reasonably expect to find in you are an admirer of American Comden's memoirs, but it is not popular song at its most sophis- the story she has chosen to tell. ticated, for with her partner, Her emphasis in "Off Stage" is Adolph Green, Comden has just where its title suggests: on

ble such songs, many distinguished by just the note of witty forbearance she strikes in the paragraph above. Even if Comden's name

doesn't immediately ring your bell, the titles of the movies and shows for which she and Green wrote the lyrics and/or the book or screenplay quite cer-tainly will. "Singin' in the Rain," "Bells Are Ringing," "Applause," "On the Town,"
"It's Always Fair Weather," The Barclays of Broadway, "Auntie Mame" . . . enough ly, a sort of Russian roulette. said. With rather less attention What may be next? Not my than has been accorded the than has been accorded the back Not that . . . Now I lay likes of Lorenz Hart, Oscar piled a record that bears com-

How all of this came to pass reasonably expect to find in written the lyrics for innumera- her childhood in Brooklyn, her

passage from childhood to adulthood, and how she dealt generation Russian Jewish imwith the familial responsibilities she eventually assumed. There is a measure of candor in town Manhattan," earning her account and a measure of enough to support his family in reticence, as would be expected comfort if not ease. Her mother of one who writes:

long for the days when people attentive mother to her own had less information. To expe-children than she wishes she dite this I am starting a move- had been. ment called 'The People's Right Not to Know.' For example, I do not want to know that Elea- staff of The Washington Post. nor Roosevelt may have had a homosexual relationship. Today, being booby-trapped with

politically incorrect land mines, I hasten to add that of course a homosexual relationship is a swell thing. I don't mean that it isn't I just . . . How can I explain how I feel about Eleanor

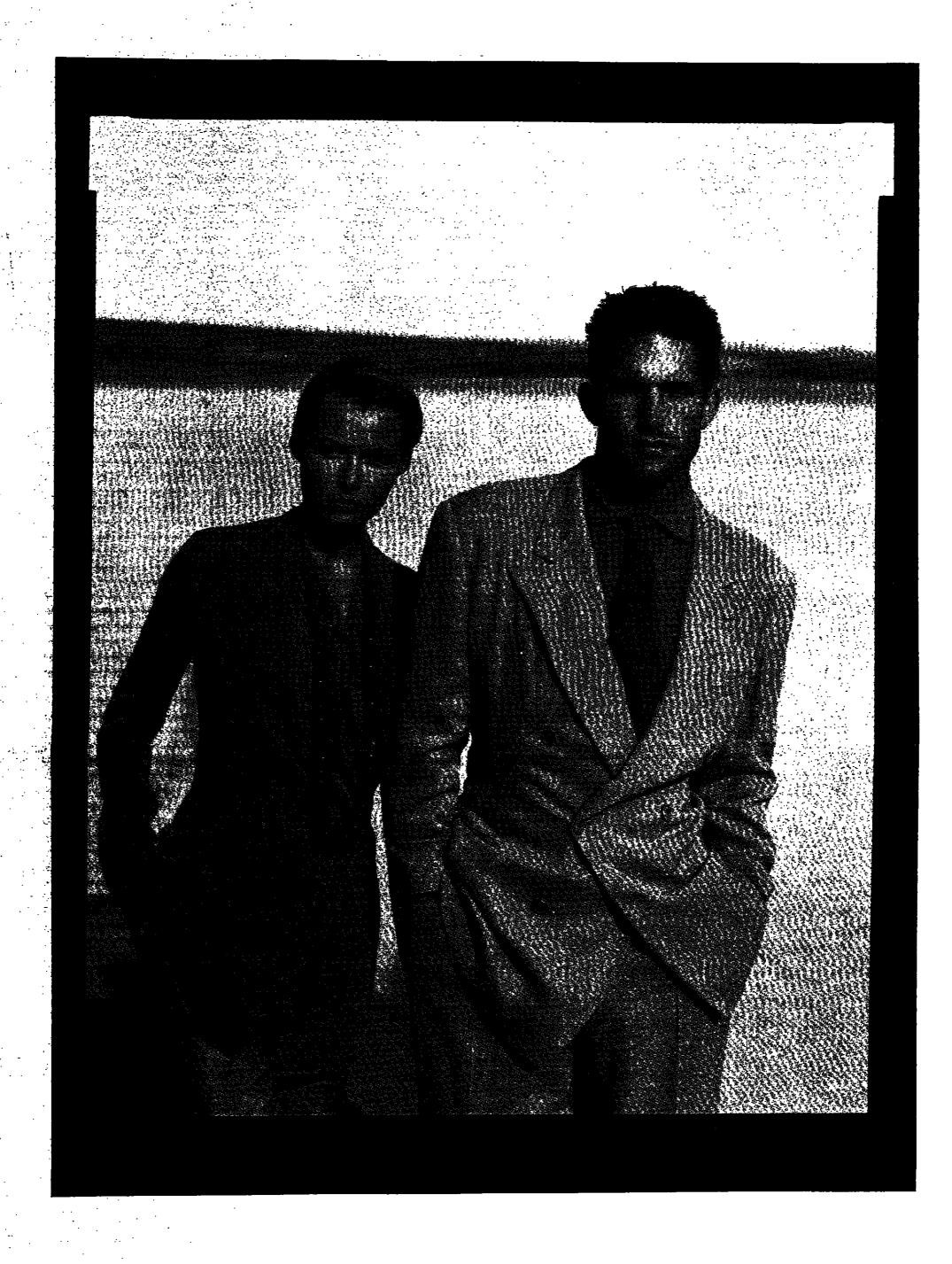
Her parents were secondmigrants. Her father worked "at his small law office in down-"was home much of the time, as "Before the media sucked up most mothers were during the every last bit of air to spew it. 20s and 30s," providing love, forth crammed with endless support and guidance in generhitherto hidden goings- ous measure. Comden proon ... there was an entity nounces herself "glad" about called discretion, and there this, no doubt all the more so were certain things that re- since her own peripatetic promained private and secret. I fessional life made her a less

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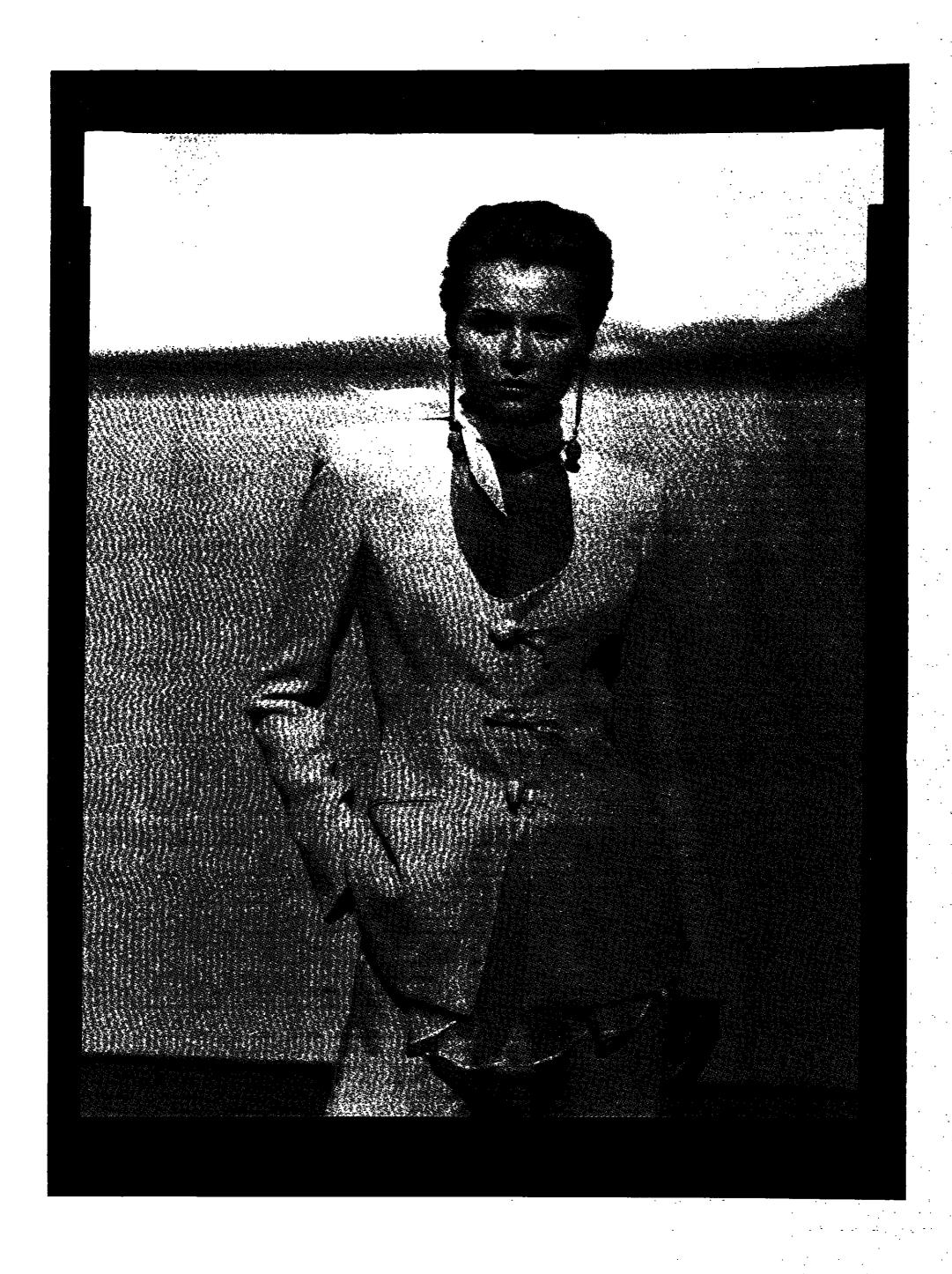


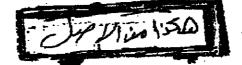


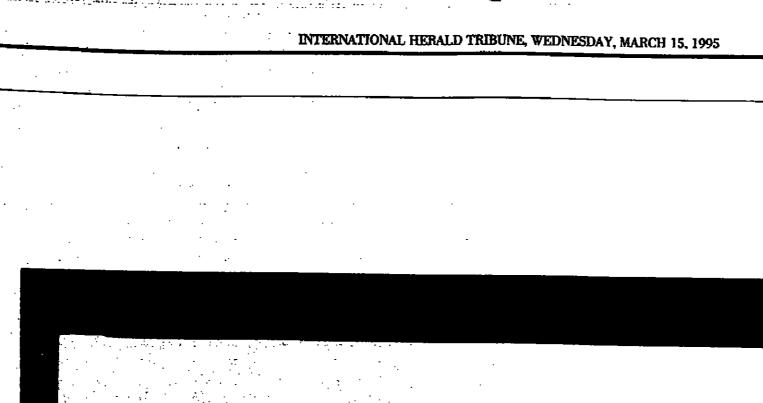


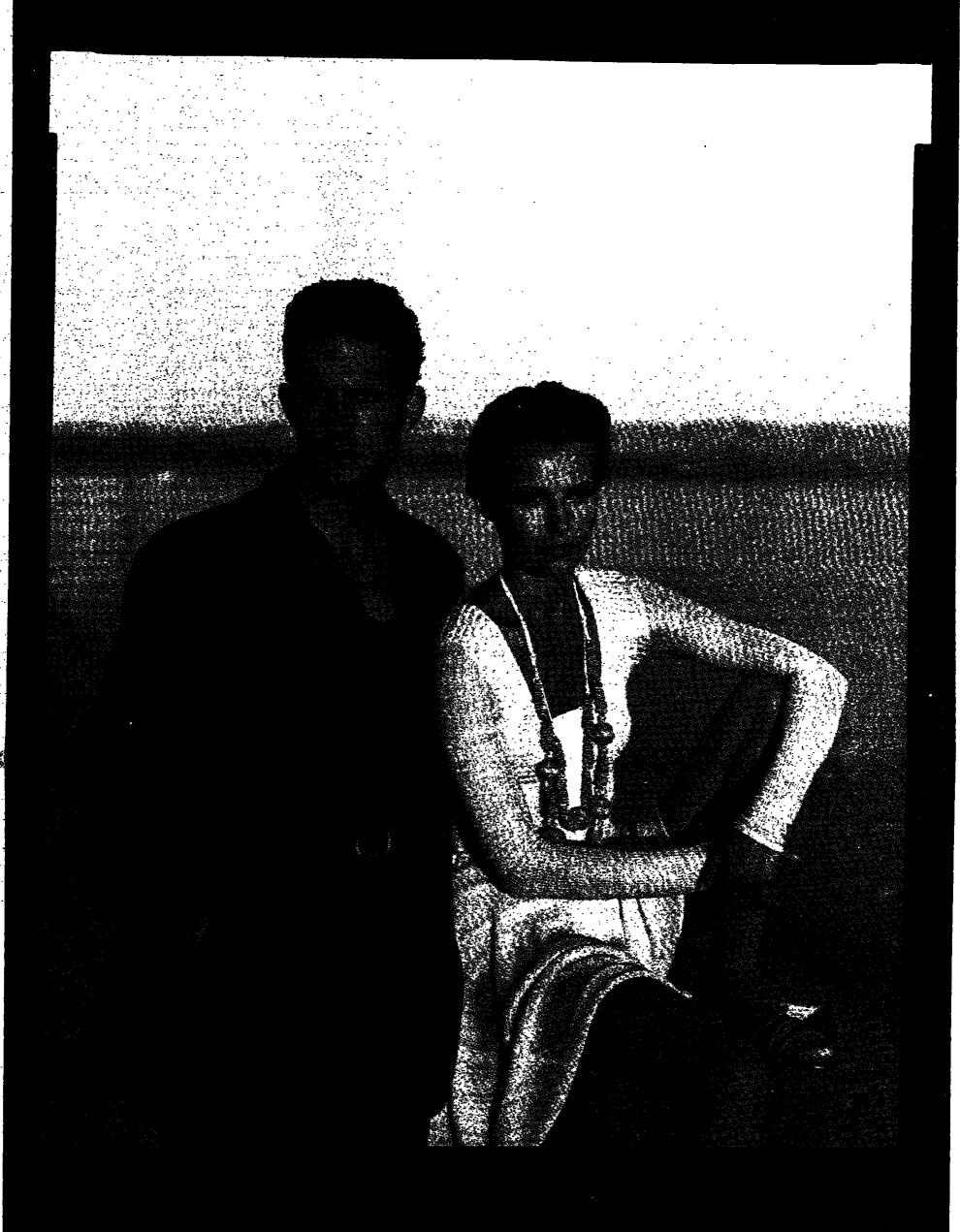
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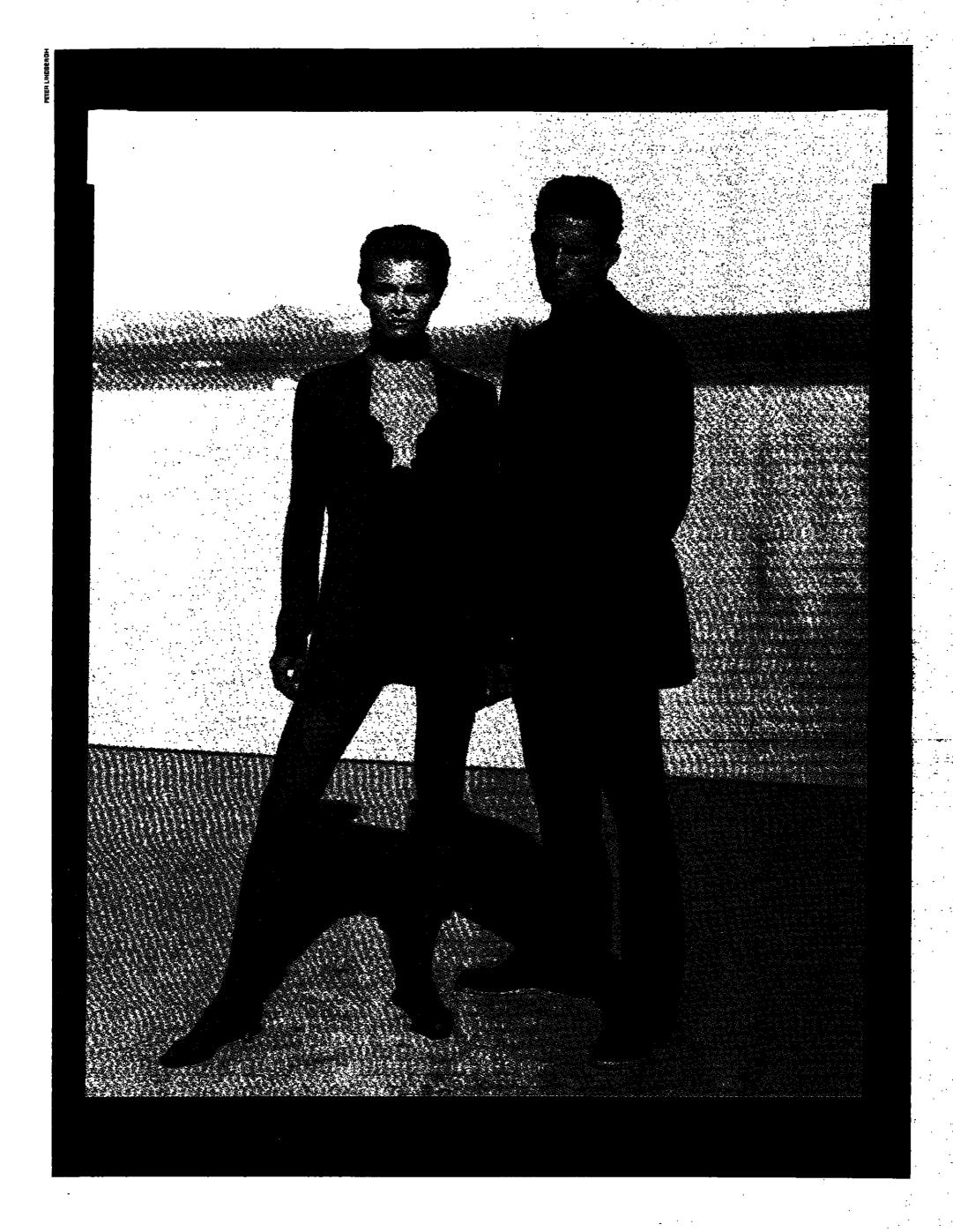






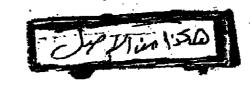


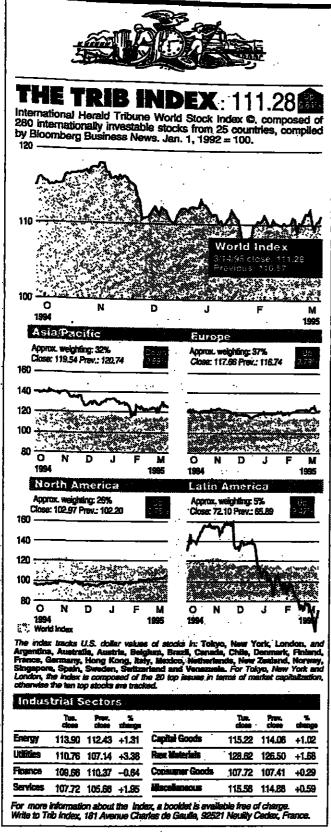
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# **SAS Gives** Nod to Boeing

STOCKHOLM - Scandinavian Airlines System said Tuesday it would buy 35 Boeing 737-600s from Boeing Co. for \$1.2 billion, the largest order SAS has ever placed and the largest for Boeing in a year and a half.

The Scandinavian flag carrier said it had taken options to buy a further 35 planes, giving the entire deal a potential value of \$2.4 billion. The initial deliveries are scheduled to come in the second half of 1998.

The order also meant SAS had snubbed McDonnell Douglas Corp., a long-time partner.

"The decision marks the start of a gradual phasing out of the Fokker 28 and McDonnell Douglas DC-9 aircraft in the SAS fleet," the airline said.

Boeing shares surged as much as \$2.75, to \$49.25, in New York trading, while Mc-Donnell Douglas stock dropped \$2, to \$55.125.

The airline also announced Tuesday that it posted a pretax profit in 1994 of 1.5 billion kronor (\$206.5 million), a sharp turnaround from a loss of 492 million kronor in 1993. Group operating profit after depreciation surged to 1.39 billion kronor from 249 million.

The airline also said that it expected "continued improvement in results for 1995." Sales fell by almost 6 percent,

to 36.89 billion kronor. The SAS order came one day after Japan Air Lines placed a \$180 million order for four Boeing 737s.

In 1994 Boeing scored major orders from Singapore Airlines and Saudia Airlines, although the Saudi order is not yet firm.

SAS said last week it had also considered orders from Mc-Donnell Douglas, Fokker, British Aerospace PLC and Airbus Industrie before deciding in favor of Boeing.

# Argentine Firms Pitch In \$1 Billion Loan Offered to Government

BUENOS AIRES - A group of Argentina's largest companies announced Tuesday they would lend the government \$1 billion to

help it through the present financial crisis.

The loan is contingent on the International Monetary Fund approving Argentina's request for \$2.42 billion this year from an existing extended fund facility. The government announced late Monday that it had reached a preliminary accord with the IMF to

obtain that amount. However, the IMF deal hinges on the government getting Congress to approve an emergency fiscal package that calls for \$3.51 billion in new taxes and \$997 million in spending cuts. Congress was scheduled to begin debating the issue early Wednesday. Eduardo Casabal, vice president of Compania Naviera Perez Compane SA, the sec-

ond-largest Argentine oil company, said: "As of now, we have confirmed more than half of the loan amount, and we can assume the full amount will be raised during this week."

Press reports said some of the companies involved were the oil concern Astra SA; Bunge & Born SA, a grain exporter, Casa Tia SA, a retailer; Cerveceria Quilmes SA, the country's largest brewer; Sociedad Comercial del Plata SA, a holding company; Loma Negra SA, the country's top cement producer; the telephone monopolies Telecom SA and Telefonica de Argentina SA, and Perez Compane SA.

The daily Ambito Financiero reported that the companies would purchase a 2-year bond. Instead of receiving interest and principal pay-ments, the companies will charge the amount against their future tax obligations.

U.S. retailers unexpectedly fell

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eakened for autos, furniture,

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ninth-month low.

The stock market greeted news of the vari-

WASHINGTON — Sales at with low inflation. That sug-LS. retailers unexpectedly fell gested in turn that the Federal

clothing and most other con-sumer goods, government fig- 4,023.16, up 23.52 points, after

In response, U.S. stocks the session. Telephone, food,

soared to record highs and gov-technology and drug shares enment bond yields fell to a paced the advance.

The markets took the decline reached record highs. The Stan-of 0.5 percent in retail sales for dard & Poor's 500 index rose the month of February to mean 2.84 points, to 492.89, its third

the U.S. economy was on target straight record, while the Nas-

year in February as demand to raise interest rates soon.

U.S. Stocks Surge to Record

Reserve Board would not need

The Dow Jones industrial av-

rising as high as 4,060.51 during

Broad-market indexes also

ous financial aid, worth a total of \$6.7 billion, by rallying on Tuesday, Bloomberg Business News reported. The Merval index rose 7.7 percent, to 349.37; that made a three-day rise of 31 percent. The financial package convinced a lot of big investors, who have been selling for the past month or so, that it was time to get back in," said Fernando Banos, head trader at the Claudio A Behr brokerage.]

■ Mexico's Search for New Capital

Lawrence Malkin of the International Her-ald Tribune reported from New York: Mexico has no intention of repeating its mistakes by courting fickle short-term foreign capital anew but will try to finance its growth with more of its own savings, direct foreign investment, and medium-term bonds, Finance Minister Guillermo Ortiz said Tuesday.

In a series of presentations in New York on Mexico's austerity program, he outlined a complex plan for bailing out the banking system without printing money and a short, sharp squeeze aimed at slashing last year's huge balance-of-payments deficit from 8 percent of its economy almost to zero by the end

of this year.

All this assumes, he said, the peso floating around 6 to the dollar and a one-time inflation bubble of 42 percent that is expected to subside later this year as the economy absorbs the highimport cost of devaluation. In late New York trading on Tuesday, the dollar was rising against the peso, up 15 centavos on the day at 6.6350 pesos. Inflation is expected to be squeezed out by

increased taxes and utility prices, along with an absolute ceiling of 10 million pesos on the

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5.93 points, to a record of

There were nearly twice as

many gainers as losers on the

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highs amid expectations of

large increases in earnings.
"The stock market is trading

up because of the outlook for

from 275 million shares.

# **France Fears** Crédit Lyonnais **Embezzlement**

PARIS - Prime Minister Edouard Balladur Tuesday ordered an investigation on Tuesday into possible fraud at Credit Lyonnais as huge losses were revealed at the troubled stateowned bank

The order marked the first time that French officials had mentioned possible criminal activity in the Credit Lyonnais debacle. It also came with Mr. Balladur facing an uphill battle in a presidential election campaign increasingly marked by outrage over corruption and sloppy management of staterun enterprises.

**Economics Minister Edmond** Alphandery said on French television that the bank's accumulated losses were about 50 billion francs (\$9.97 billion).

Speaking in an interview with France 2 television, Mr. Alphandery said, "There appears to have been embezzlement." "If there has been embezzlement, these offenses will be sys-

tematically prosecuted and punished in the courts," he said. In a statement, Mr. Balladur said he had ordered Mr. Alphandery to investigate the bank's losses.

"All measures will be taken to punish those who may be found responsible, to draw lessons from this situation and avoid a recurrence of such errors in the public sector," said Mr. Balladur, who has recently slipped from the front-runner position in the campaign for the two-round presidential elections in April and May.

With the government poised to present a second rescue plan for the bank, Mr. Alphandery said French taxpayers would not be asked to foot the bill.

means to deal with this," he said. about 18 billion francs. He said the plan would have

three parts: reforming manage-

charge against future profits to pay for past losses. Over the next few days the bank is expected to report its losses for 1994, and some sources have placed them at 10

billion francs. The government's action Tuesday came just hours after a new political broadside over the Credit Lyonnais debacle.

François d'Aubert, a key figure in a parliamentary panel that investigated Credit Lyon-nais's finances last year, demanded that the French judicial system be brought into the fray and that parliament be

called into special session. "Those responsible for the disaster have had no worries," he said, adding that the parliamentary commission had been "fooled" by the former Crédit Lyonnais chairman Yves Haberer, who was named to head the bank in 1989 by the then-Socialist government.

The commission reported in July 1994 that Mr. Haberer bore most of the blame for the bank's losses but also said that the government had acted in an "ambiguous" manner in its role as share-holder.

The chairman of the commission, Philippe Séguin, said at the time that Mr. Haberer's ethics were beyond reproach but that his financial acumen was not.

Mr. Haberer was removed as chairman in a reorganization of the state-owned financial sector in November 1993, taking over the leadership of Crédit National, a much smaller institution.

Last year, Credit Lyonnais reported that in 1993 it had a loss of 6.9 billion francs. The state then provided new capital of 3.5 billion francs and guaran-'Crédit Lyonnais has the teed nonperforming loans of

France now is seeking European Union approval of the sec-

# **MEDIA MARKETS**

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# Outsize Antes in Australia Cable Fight

By Michael Richardson International Herald Tribuse

SYDNEY -At first glance, the financial calculations of the two main groups vying to bring cable television to Austra-lia's 6 million households seem bizarre.

The local and foreign media and telecommunication companies in the rival consortiums are committed to spend at least 8 billion Australian dollars (\$5.97 billion) total to set up a cable industry that some analysts say will generate annual sales of no more than 1.4 billion dollars by 2004.

That assumes Australian viewers will respond with the same enthusiasm as their counterparts in the United States, where 65 percent of households with access to cable television subscribe.

Mark Booth, a former head of MTV in Europe who was recently made chief executive of the Foxtel consortium, said he believed there was pent-up demand in Australia for cable TV, which was banned by the government until last year to protect over-the-air broadcasters.

"Australians travel. They know what they've been missing." he said. "The research is probably underestimating the level of interest people have because they are not really sure what they can get."
But the response to Australia's first subscription service, which Australis Media Ltd. launched in January with eight channels beamed by satellite, has hardly been overwhelming. By early March, it had only 3,000 subscribers. Australis is 20 Ltd., a company owned by the Australian percent owned by the U.S. cable-TV oper-investor Kerry Packer.

ator Tele-Communications Inc. Foxtel, a joint venture between Rupert Murdoch's News Corp. and the govern-ment-owned telecommunications company, Telstra Coxp., said Thursday that it was linking with Australis under an equity-purchase arrangement.

The alliance effectively reduces the number of subscription-TV operators to

Big investors vie for a small market.

two from three. Both of them, Foxtel and Optus Vision, will compete to hook up Australian homes using fiber-optic cable. Robert Peters, a media analyst at ANZ Capel Court securities, said it was too early to know whether either of the groups could make money. "The industry is too

uncertain at the moment," he added. Mr. Booth said that when Foxtel begins its cable service in the third quarter, it will be offering about 150 channels, 120 of them devoted to movies and the rest to news, current affairs, sport, childrens programs, documentaries and education.

Australia's other main cable operator, Optus Vision, is controlled by Optus Communications, Telstra's chief rival as a telephone service provider in Australia; the American-based Continental Cablevision Inc. and Publishing & Broadcasting

The group plans to launch its cable service late this year. Unlike Foxtel, it will initially offer analog not digital connection. Analog technology can fit no more than 64 channels on fiber-optic cable.

If it works, Foxtel's digital system promises to give higher quality sound and vision. It also would carry 500-plus channels as well as interactive programs from its first day of operation, although it will be several years before such programs as video-on-demand and home shopping or banking are technically viable.

Mr. Booth said that although it would her. Booth said that although it would be the first time the digital system had been used for commercial cable television, he had "complete confidence" it would work, giving the group and important edge in market penetration.

Cable TV is clearly just the opening skirmish in the war for control of the new media and communications would that is

media and communications world that is being created by the convergence of telephony, entertainment and computers. Analysts estimate that Australia-based local and long-distance telephone services will be worth 30 billion Australian dollars

by 2004, double their value this year. Gerry Moriarty, Telstra's director of network operations, said that while cable TV was "certainly not a sideshow" for Foxtel, it was just "the first stage of our plans for a fully interactive broadband network, offering everything from telephony to multimedia services.'

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**EUROPEAN FUTURES** 

in spite of a surprise drop in an increase in U.S. rates. U.S. retail sales last month, a

After a brief dip when the Wedd. figures were announced, the

#### Foreign Exchange

from 90.75 yen.

"Operators ignored the retail sales and sold marks, simply because they were short of dollars and the other European currencies after last week's excessive swings," said Jeremy Hawkins, analyst at Bank of

Retail sales fell by a greater margin than widely expected and the result boosted the U.S. bond market, which in turn buoyed the dollar.

But dealers nevertheless be-

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches industrial output and wholesale NEW YORK — The dollar price figures. Those numbers gained ground Tuesday against may confirm a slowdown of the the Deutsche mark and the yen economy and reduce chances of

"The market's just taking this development that could reduce as an opportunity to take profthe likelihood of an interest- its," said Brian Martin, economist at Barclays de Zoete

"I don't rule out the idea that U.S. unit rallied and was boost- the dollar could eventually fall back to its record lows," said Mr. Hawkins.

The mark also lost ground ed later by strong U.S. markets to close at 1.4158 Deutsche marks, up from 1.4070 DM. It closed at 90.80 yen, up slightly

The lira also firmed as operators awaited the result of the government's effort to pass a controversial supplementary budget, which may come up for a vote on Wednesday. The peseta, meanwhile, benefited from a rise in Spanish interest rates. while the Swedish krona firmed after the country's central bank raised a key rate.

Against other currencies, the dollar rose to 1.1760 Swiss francs from 1.1740 francs, but rose to 5.0145 French francs lieved that the dollar was frag- from 5.0020 francs. The pound ile, particularly ahead of the re-lease later this week of U.S. \$1.5929. (AFP, Reuters)

#### SALES: Data Spark, Wall Street

steady growth with the potential for lower interest rates," said Joseph DeMarco, head of equity trading at HSBC Asset Management. "Lower interest rates and continued growth are good for everybody.

The yield on the Treasury's benchmark 30-year bond fell to

#### **U.S. Stocks**

7.35 percent, the lowest reading since last August, from a figure of 7.45 percent on Monday.

February's decline in retail sales was the weakest showing since a 1 percent drop in April 1994, a government spokesman said. It surprised analysts, who were generally looking for a 0.1 terms by counting goods, ser-percent increase for the month.

"Seven interest-rate hikes in a year were bound to have an effect sooner or later," said Tracy Mullin, president of the National Retail Federation. "Increased payments for adjustable-rate mortgages and credit cards have sapped consumers' discretionary

In its report, the Commerce

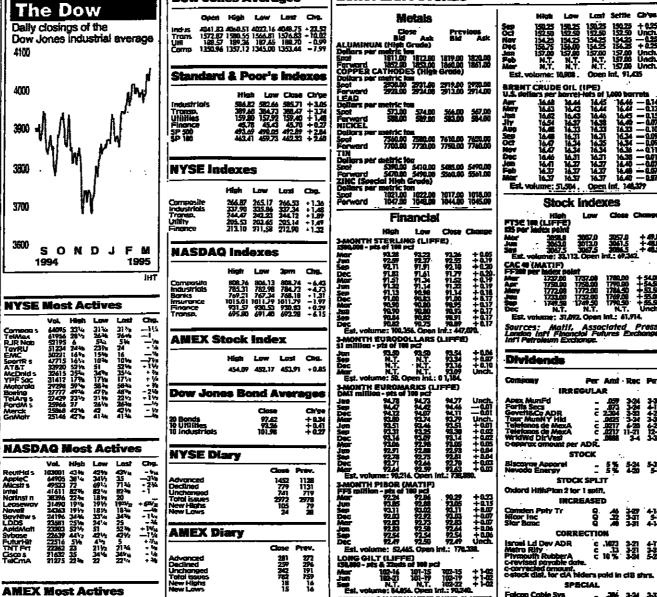
Department also revised the sales increase for January up to 0.6 percent from the previous

calculation of 0.2 percent.

Given the slowdown in retail sales, the Fed is not likely to raise interest rates again when its policymaking Federal Open Market Committee next convenes, on March 28, said Elias Bikhazi, a money market econ-omist at Deutsche Bank. "I wouldn't look for the Fed to do anything in March."

The downshifting in retail sales comes after strong consumer demand for imported goods last year caused the U.S. trade deficit to widen to its secondcurrent-account deficit, which asures trade in the broadest 49.8 percent, to \$155.67 billion, the largest gap since 1987. The deficit in merchandise alone widened 25.5 percent, to a re-cord \$166.36 billion.

The creation of 3.5 million U.S. jobs last year helped fueldemand for imported goods of all kinds, from automobiles to



# U.S. / AT THE CLOSE

# **Procter & Gamble Chief Will Retire**

CINCINNATI (AFX) - Procter & Gamble Co. said its chairman, Edwin Artzt, will retire on July 1 after 41 years with the company, He will be replaced by John Pepper, company president responsible for international business.

Mr. Artzt will continue to serve as a director of the company and will become chairman of the board's executive committee,

succeeding John Smale, who will retire in July. The company said Durk Jager, now the executive vice president responsible for its U.S. business, was elected to the new position of president and chief operating officer, reporting to Mr. Pepper. P&G also said it will manage its business in four regions instead of through the current U.S. and international divisions. The regions will be North America; Europe, the Middle East and Africa; Asia; and Latin America. Each region will be headed by a vice president reporting to Mr. Vages.

vice president reporting to Mr. Jager.

#### Volcker Takes Wolfensohn's Spot

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) - James D. Wolfensohn Inc. is reorganizing because its founder, James D. Wolfensohn, has been nominated to become president of the World Bank, the private investment firm said.

The firm appointed its chairman, Paul A. Vokcker, to the additional post of chief executive, replacing Mr. Wolfensohn. Raymond L. Golden, a partner, was named president. Two partners, Glen S. Lewy and Jeffrey A. Goldstein, were named vice chairmen.

James D. Wolfensohn Inc., which advises companies and financial institutions.

cial institutions, will continue to be owned by its partners. Mr. Wolfensohn founded the firm in 1981, after leaving Salomon Brothers Inc., and Mr. Volcker, the former Federal Reserve Board chairman, joined in 1988. (Bloomberg, Knight-Ridder)

#### Cessna Is Returning to Small Planes

WICHITA, Kansas (AP) — Cessna Aircraft Co. said Tuesday that it will resume manufacturing small planes in mid-1996 after a 10-year break prompted by spiraling liability claims.

The company will produce four varieties of single-engine planes at a new plant in Independence, Kansas, and hopes that by 1998 it will be turning out 2,000 of them a year.

Cessna halted single-engine aircraft production in 1986 because of lawsuits arising from plane crashes. At its peak in 1977, it produced 8,893 planes. Cessna's return to small planes was prompted by a law Congress passed last fall that freed manufacturers from liability claims arising from crashes involving planes more than 18 years old.

#### AXA's Equitable May Sell Donaldson

PARIS (AFX) - AXA SA said its Equitable Cos. is studying the possible sale of its subsidiary Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette Securities Corp. But it added that there are no potential buyers. An Equitable spokesman refused to give a possible asking price for DLJ, saying the question was most because the company was not in talks with a buyer. DLJ posted a 1994 net profit of \$123 million and has a book value of \$800 million.

#### For the Record

Penske Dedicated Logistics Corp., a subsidiary of Penske Truck Leasing Co. and Cleveland-based Leaseway Transportation Corp., announced plans for the Penske unit to acquire Leaseway through a tender offer of \$20 a share, valuing the company at about \$200

# greatest shortfall on record. The Guilty Plea in Carrian Fraud Case

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HONG KONG — A senior figure in Hong Kong's biggest corporate bankruptcy pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges he conspired to de-

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fraud the Malaysian-owned bank for which he once worked. the Carrian group of companies, headed by George Tan, collapsed in 1983 with debts in

excess of \$1 billion.

The prosecutor, Martin Wilson, told a High Court hearing that Mr. Rais was one of several executives who exposed the bank to catastrophic return for his guilty plea.

risk by extending \$238 million in unsecured loans to Carrian.

Mr. Rais's attorney, Martin Thomas, said his client, while feeling a profound sense of guilt, never deliberately intended to defraud the bank, a unit of Bank Bumiputra Malaysia Berhad.

Rais bin Saniman had been an alternate director of Bumiputra Malaysia Finance Ltd. when collapse. He was extradited last year to stand trial in what has become Hong Kong's longest and most expensive legal case.

Other charges of acquiring property through deception were dropped against Mr. Rais in

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increase in the domestic money supply. Because of inflation, this represents a real decrease of 20 percent, and it replaces the fixed exchange rate as the economy's anchor under an agreement with the IMF.

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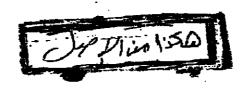
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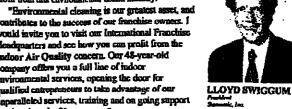
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# West German Price Data **Raises Inflation Fears**

BONN - Wholesale prices in Western Germany showed their biggest rise in more than five years in February, the Federal Statistics Office said Tuesday, triggering fears that inflationary pressures could be building up.

The wholesale price index rose 0.7 percent in February from January and was 3.4 percent higher than in January 1994.

That was the highest year-on-year rise since December 1989. December 1994 and January 1995 had annual changes of 3.2 percent, both well above the 1.6 percent average of 1994 and indicating a clear acceleration in wholesale prices.

Economists said the figures could be an early warning that a pickup in inflation is looming in Germany, which is recovering from one of its worst recessions since World War II.

"The figures show there is a lot of inflationary

pressure in the pipeline from raw material price rises and the strong industrial recovery of 1994," said Joachim Fels of Goldman, Sachs & Co. in Frankfurt. "This means the trend to lower consumer price

inflation has been broken," he added. "If pressure on exchange rates eases, the Bundesbank

may have to put interest rates up." The independent central bank is fiercely com-

mitted to maintaining stable prices and might decide to raise interest rates if it fears a resurgence of inflation.

Julian Jessop of HSBC Markets in London said that although the wholesale price figures were often erratic, they could not be ignored, as the Bundesbank regarded them as a key indicator of inflation.

Holger Fahrinkrug of UBS Ltd. in Frankfurt said the data were clearly above market forecasts of a monthly rise of between zero and 0.5 percent. But he was not convinced that this alone pointed to a clear inflation threat.

■ Bank of Spain Nudges Up Interest Rate

The Bank of Spain boosted its benchmark interest rate by half of a percentage point, to 8.50 percent, in an effort to quell rising prices, which climbed by a higher-than-expected 0.5 percent in February, Bloomberg Business News reported from Madrid.

The increase in the benchmark rate, the second this year, was seen as an effort to rein in prices without giving the impression that the central bank was trying to use monetary policy to support the peseta. Some analysts expected the interest rate would rise I percent even if February's inflation came in at the 0.3 percent many had forecast.

# EU Refuses to Ban Open-Skies Pacts

By Tom Buerkle International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - The European Union rejected an attempt to stop the United States from reaching "open-skies" aviation agreements with individual European governments on Tuesday, as Britain and several smaller EU states resisted a common negotiating stance.

Transportation ministers agreed to speed up efforts to define a coherent policy toward the United States and ordered their civil aviation directors to report back in June, but they rejected a French proposal that would have prevented any country from concluding an open-skies deal with Washington until such a policy was established.

Transportation Minister Brian Mawhinney of Britain said the French proposal was "not only not acceptable, it was not discussable.

But the EU transportation commissioner, Neil Kinnock, vowed to come back to ministers in June to seek authority to have the commission negotiate on behalf of all EU members. The United States initialled memorandums of understand-

ing on open-skies pacts with Belgium and Austria last week. and is negotiating with Luxembourg, Denmark, Finland and The United States has been operating an open-skies agree-

ment with the Netherlands for more than two years and is negotiating a liberal air pact with Britain.

# Strangely, At Saatchi 1994 Was A Fine Year

By Erik Ipsen International Herald Tribune

LONDON - Saatchi & Saatchi PLC announced Tuesday that 1994 was a very good year, until the end.
Saatchi's pretax profit soared 69 percent in a performance

that company executives conceded would not be matched this year.

After the dismissal of Maurice Saatchi in December and the subsequent defection of a number of senior executives and key clients, Saatchi's chief executive, Charlie Scott, admitted Tuesday that the advertising conglomerate had suffered setbacks in its quest to reinvent itself.

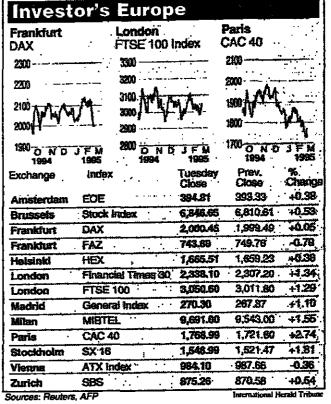
"It has been an eventful and difficult three months for everyone associated with the company," said Mr. Scott, the acting chairman. He said that three months ago he was still planning to recommend the company pay a dividend for 1994, but that the idea has been dropped.

He also noted that the comcent, to 3.29 billion DM, while sales rose 6 this year from 5.7 percent in 1994 would not be realized.

> Those disappointments were that was Saatchi's largest ac-count. The loss will deny the company £30 million (\$48 million) in revenue this year.

But executives at Ted Bates Worldwide Inc., Saatchi's U.S. arm, reported that in the first two months of 1995 they had already won new business that represents half of the billings lost by the defection of Mars. Chief among the new accounts is a worldwide contract for Lucky Strike cigarettes.

While Mr. Scott expressed regret over the client defections, he maintained the company may be better off without some of the "teamwork" now pervades the organization. "We are not interested in the idea that one or two people are critical," he said.



#### Very briefly:

 International Nederlanden Groep NV announced Tuesday that it plans to start talks soon with Budapest Bank. Credit Suisse decided Monday not to bid for the bank, citing difficulties in integrating it into the Swiss group.

 Medeva PLC reported Tuesday that 1994 pretax rose 35 percent, to £64 million (\$102 million). Medeva raised its dividend payout to 3.3 pence per share, from 2.7 pence.

pany's goal of increasing its operating margin to 10 percent willion guilders (\$241.9 million). The Dutch publisher said it expected a further increase in profits in 1995.

• Skandia Foersackrings AB, Scandinavia's largest insurer, posted an operating loss of 187 million Swedish kronor (\$25.7 million) in instigated by the loss last month 1994 after large losses on its securities holdings. Profit from of Mars Inc., the candy maker insurance operations almost doubled, to 1 billion kronor, from insurance operations almost doubled, to 1 billion kronor, from 533 million kronor.

> • Banco di Napoli SpA said Tuesday that it lost 995 billion lire (\$583.4 million) in 1994. The bank, Italy's seventh-largest, had a profit of 173 billion lire in 1993 and 208 billion lire in 1992. It is 12 percent-owned by the state. · British retailers generally saw sales fall in February, as consumer

> confidence in the economy remained fragile but prices edged up slightly, a business survey said Tuesday; 41 percent of the retailers said sales declined, while 30 percent reported increases. Belmiro Mendes de Azevedo has decided to sell his shares in

> Banco Portugues do Atlantico, ending the industrialist's opposition to a joint takeover bid by Banco Comercial Portuguese and the insurer Companhia de Seguros Imperio. • The European Commission said it has cleared a joint venture in

the polyethylene sector between Union Carbide Corp. and Enichem SpA. It also cleared Dalgety PLC to acquire the European petfood business of Quaker Oats Co. lost executives. He said a spirit . Kingfisher PLC's pretax profit for the last fiscal year fell 21

percent, to £244.2 million from £309.3 million for the previous year. The British retailer nevertheless increased its dividend 2 percent. Shares closed up 9 pence, at 441 pence.

#### Attendance Up As Disney Park Seeks Break-Even

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches MARNE-LA-YALLEE, France — Attendance is "significantly up" at Disneyland Paris chemical makers. this year, and the company, Euro Disney SCA, aims to get back to the break-even point this year, its officers said Tuesday.

"What we have said is attendance is up, and that continues to be true," the president, Steve Burke, said, comparing 1995 results with those of last year. He did not give specific figures.

"We are very optimistic about the future," he said, adding that price cuts one April 1 and the June opening of the Space Mo-untain attraction "ought to help

us continue on this momentum. Managing Director Philippe Bourguignon told the annual shareholders' meeting that the 22 percent cut in high-season admission was expected to attract

The finance director, Xavier de Mexerac, said he expected the copmany to reach break-even by the end of the 1995-96 financial (Reuters, AFP)

500,000 more visitors this year.

# **BASF and Bayer Post Hefty 1994 Gains**

LEVERKUSEN, Germany - Preliminary 1994 earnings reports from Bayer AG and BASF AG rounded out the picture of industry recovery presented in earlier reports from Germany's other blue-chip

Bayer's 47 percent jump in net profit and 40 percent rise in pretax profit fell within expectations for a solid 1994 performance. But it was BASF's 50 percent net profit jump and near doubling of pretax profit that inspired more enthusiasm among analysts.

"It was way above expectations, and apparently for simple reasons: bigger volume,

PARIS — A French judge on Tuesday ordered a search of the Paris headquarters

of GEC Alsthom, which is half-owned by Alcatel Alsthom, whose chairman has been

charged with fraud for overbilling the state

Judge Renand van Ruymbeke is investi-gating charges that GEC Alsthom, which

makes trams and France's high-speed TGV train, had illegally funneled money

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better prices and cost-cutting," said Andreas Schmidt, chemicals analyst at Barclays de Zoete Wedd Deutschland GmbH.

Bayer's and BASF's shares were up all day and closed 2.67 percent and 2.92 percent higher, respectively, after a slow start. Some analysts said the gains were limited by investors' concerns about the strong Dent-

Earlier reports from Germany's other leading chemical makers, including Hoechst AG, Degussa AG, and Henkel AG, cited rising demand and at least stabilizing selling

prices in 1994 earnings growth.

BASF and Bayer released their reports following meetings of their supervisory

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Bayer's net profit rose 47 percent to 2.01 billion DM (\$1.43 billion) from 1.37 billion

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Net profit at BASF rose to 1.28 billion

raising its 1994 dividend to 13 DM per share

DM, from 858 million DM in 1993, while

pretax profit soared to 2.11 billion DM

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ment to the Netherlands. On Monday, the judge ordered searches former chairman, Michel Reyt, who re-ceived a commission of 2.8 million francs public transport concern in the Nantes public transport concern in the Nantes

The board of Alcatel Alsthom on Mon-The judge said he suspected the payment was linked to a contract for a second day stood by its embattled chairman, Pierre Suard, 60, who was charged Friday with fraud.

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**BA Chief Stands Pat** On USAir

SYDNEY - The chairman of British Airways, defending a \$408 million investment in USAir, said Tuesday that his company would not write down the value of its 24.6 percent stake in the troubled American carrier until there was a "permanent diminution" in its value. The chairman, Colin Mar-

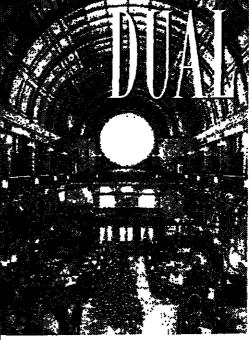
shall, spoke after Berkshire Hathaway Inc. said it had taken a one-time \$172.6 million charge to write down its investment in USAir. Berkshire's founder, Warren

E. Buffett, also said he would not seek re-election to the BA shares dropped Tuesday

norning in London by as much as five pence (eight cents) to 378 pence on the news. They re-bounded to 383.5 pence after Mr. Marshall's remarks, up from 381 pence on Monday. Mr. Marshall said: "We will

not write down the value of our investment in USAir until the board is convinced there is a permanent diminution in the value of the investment." In a speech to the Securities

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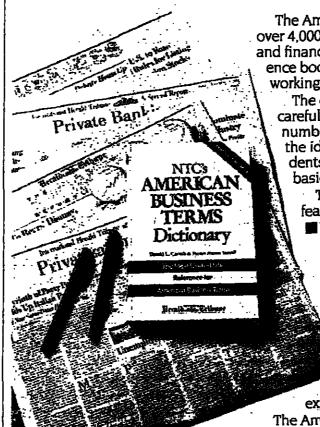
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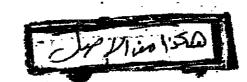
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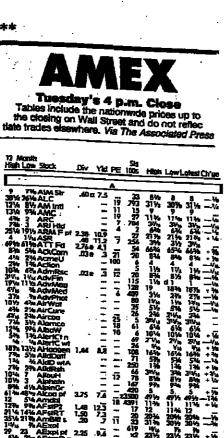
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# Japan Surplus Surges as Effect Of Quake Fades

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches surplus rose 5.3 percent in Feb- ures were records. mary, compared with January,

as exports surged. The results, released Tues-day, suggested the nation's ex-year earlier. port machine recovered more rapidly than expected from the carthquake in January that damaged Kobe, Japan's second-largest port.

But economists said the figures did not signal the start of a long-term rising trend in the trade surplus.

"The figures in the next few months are likely to be a bit irregular as a result of January's Kobe earthquake," said Hidehiro Iwaki, senior economist at Nomura Research Institute.

In January, Japan's trade surplus fell 52.3 percent, in part because of difficulties in getting goods out of Kobe port. Imports, however, were diverted to undamaged ports.

Japan's customs-cleared trade surplus widened to \$11.46 billion in February, from \$10.89 billion a year earlier, the Finance Ministry said.

In February, the ministry said, imports jumped 27.8 percent from a year earlier, to plans forced on the companies \$23.90 billion, and exports rose by four years of falling earnings.

19.5 percent, to \$35.36 billion. A TOKYO — Japan's trade ministry official said both fig-

The surplus with the United States expanded to \$4.89 billion in February from \$4.33 billion a

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

■ Steel Output Keeps Rising Japanese steel production rose in February for the seventh consecutive month over a year earlier, bearing out projections of better times to come for the nation's top steelmakers, Bloomberg Business News reported from Tokyo.

Crude steel production rose .3 percent from February 1994, to 8.13 million metric tons, Japan's Iron & Steel Federation said Tuesday. The rise follows a jump of 14.7 percent in January. The figures come a week after many of Japan's steelmakers, in-

cluding Nippon Steel Corp., Ka-wasaki Steel Corp. and Sumi-tomo Metal Industries Ltd. released earnings forecasts for the year ending March 31 showing continued improvements after heavy losses in the previous year. The improved outlook is a direct benefit of restructuring

# A Payback for Trade Pact U.S. Will Let China Set WTO Terms

BELIING - When China uncharacteristically gave in to tough U.S. demands two weeks ago on copyright piracy and other intellectual property issues, the main unanswered question was: What did America give

The answer came this week in a visit to Beijing by U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor. In a news conference Monday, Mr. Kantor said Washington would support China's bid to join the World Trade Organization.

More importantly to the Chinese, he reversed a previous position by announcing

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that the U.S. government would consider China's entry into the global organization under accommodative trade rules afforded developing countries. Until recently, Washington had insisted that Beijing meet the same standards as other major industrial powers.

"We need to be flexible." Mr. Kantor said, referring to the United States, Europe and Japan. "I think we all agree that for certain purposes China, of course, is a developed couniry. For others it is a developing country."

In background briefings, U.S. trade offi-cials said the practical result of the softened position on China's entry into the WTO is that China will be granted extra time - in some cases a matter of years — before it will be required to phase out certain tariffs and protective trade restrictions.

\*China has a wide variety of characteristics," one U.S. trade official said. "There are places along the seaboard that are developing rapidly and look a lot like Taiwan and Korea did a few years ago. There are parts of the

interior which are much poorer. But, overall, as a trade regime, we are dealing with an enormously important, enormously large, powerful player.

Recognition of its hybrid status as a huge but still developing economy is precisely what the Chinese trade negotiators had been seeking when talks broke down for their entry into the World Trade Organization in December.

Mr. Kantor said new trade group talks with China are expected to begin in April in Geneva. "I have agreed to become personally involved with and review all proposals related to China's WTO accession," he said.

The U.S. concession on developing-country status was a particularly satisfying victory for Foreign Trade Minister Wu Yi, for whom Beijing's entry into the trade organization the successor to the Global Agreement on Tariffs and Trade — had been a primary goal.

Miss Wu's reputation as a tough negotiator had suffered in recent encounters with U.S. officials. The recent U.S.-China agreement on intellectual property enforcement, signed by Mr. Kantor on Saturday, was widely viewed as a capitulation to U.S. demands that the Chinese government crack down on copyright, patent and trademark infringement.

After the signing ceremony, Miss Wu criticized the Americans and threatened to impose sanctions by failing to renew a trade memorandum between the two countries if Washington continued to block Beijing's entry into the international trading organization.

But, pleased with the new conciliatory tone set by Mr. Kantor, Miss Wu announced Monday that the 1992 bilateral memorandum of understanding obliging China to open its markets to imports from the United States

# Computer Maker Gets to Know New Shareholder

BELJING — The way Safi Qureshey. the affable co-founder and chairman of the computer maker AST Research Inc. tells it, last month's purchase of a 40.25 percent stake in his U.S. company by the South Korean conglomerate Samsung was a marriage of convenience not born of a long courtship.

In just three months, initial contact between the companies turned into a \$378 million near-takeover of the world's No. 6 maker of personal computers.

"It was the largest investment a Korean company had made overseas," Mr. Qureshey said. "It made big headlines there. I didn't realize that."

The marriage brought relief to shareholders worried that AST had become

overextended and lacked necessary

funds for product development. The question now is whether the two companies will be able to find sufficient synergy quickly, succeeding where other cross-Pacific partnerships, such as Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. and MCA

Inc.'s, have had difficulties. The good thing is that all those examples exist, and we want to learn from those failures," Mr. Qureshey said.

He was in China to announce a new range of high-performance personal computers. AST has held the largest share of the Chinese personal computer market for five years. In 1994, it made

almost one of every four PCs sold here. Samsung, for its part, is one of the world's largest business groups. Its subsidiary Samsung Electronics has annual

AST's, and is the world's largest producer of memory chips. But it has failed to

outside its home market.

sung's sprawling companies are up to.

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They are the No. 1 producer of computer monitors" in the world, Mr. Qure-shey said, "and I didn't know that." He said AST buys more than 1 million

Samsung in that and other areas. surprised to learn that Samsung com- for AST's survival.

revenue of \$14 billion, about six times petes with Japan in producing thin-film transistor screens for laptop computers.

Mr. Qureshey, who arrived in the make a name for its personal computers United States from Pakistan as a 19year-old student in 1975, stayed on to Mr. Qureshey said that one of his first found AST five years later along with tasks was going to be learning what Sam- two Hong Kong Chinese entrepreneurs who subsequently left the company.

To Mr. Qureshey, Samsung's help derstanding what's going on but then be able to influence it," he said. product availability.

"More important than the pricing is the availability," he said. "There is today a tight availability of memory commonitors a year from other suppliers but ponents. We believe we will get both would look to buy more products from good availability and good prices."

Still, Samsung's offer of just under The AST founder said he was also \$250 million in cash is certainly timely

# **Hong Kong Delays End** To Rate Cap On Savings

HONG KONG - Hong Kong postponed the third phase of its deregulation of deposit interest rates Tuesday to allow more time for a comprehensive study of the impact of the first two phases of liberalization.

The third, and final, phase was to take effect April 1, ending controls on all deposits of more than 24 hours through seven days. It now is unlikely to happen before October.

The delay is in the long-term best interest of the overall banking system, David Carse, deputy executive of the Hong

Kong Monetary Authority, said. "Our motivation is not to protect the banks per se," he told the financial affairs panel of the Legislative Council, Hong Kong's Parliament. "But we do want to protect the banking system. A profitable banking sys-tem is a safe banking system."

"We remain committed to deregulating time deposits," he added, "unless further steps would result in instability in the

monetary and banking system." The first two phases of the deregulation, which were completed in January, covered rates on deposits fixed for more than a week. Since they began, there has been a sharp swing of funds into time deposits paying market rates, Mr. Carse said.

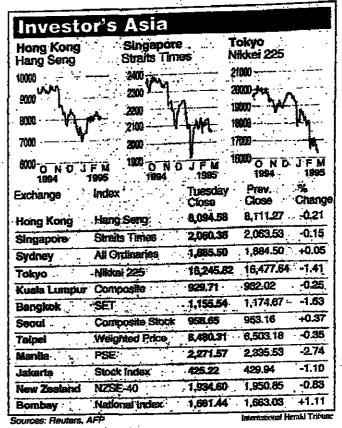
Our intention is to conduct a full assessment in August-September," he said.

However, the January figures will have been distorted by the sharp rise in interest rates to defend the Hong Kong dollar and by the rise in note circulation ahead of the Chinese New Year," Mr. Carse said. (AFP

Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg) ■ Mixed Result at Land Sale Two residential plots sold in active bidding at a government auction Tuesday, but two com-

mercial and industrial plots elicited no bids, news agencies reported from Hong Kong. "Bidding was very keen." the auctioneer, Francis Hay, said after the residential sale. "Senti-

ment is improving." (Reuters, Bloomberg)



#### Very briefly:

Toyota Corp.'s president, Tatsuro Toyoda, has been ordered by doctors to give up work until early summer due to high blood pressure, the Japanese auto giant said Tuesday.

• Intel Corp. said it would ship to China the most powerful U.S. built supercomputer ever sold to that nation. It did not say how much the computer was sold for or when it will be delivered.

· China's central bank will reduce interest rates on long-term savings by 0.4 percentage points in April, the official Economic Information Daily reported.

• Kumagai Gumi Co. said it expects an extraordinary loss of 25 billion yen (\$278 million) for the year to March 31.

• Marriott International Inc. said it plans to expand in Asia.

• India said gross domestic product rose 5.3 percent in the fiscal year that ends this month, up from 4.3 percent the previous year. STAR TV reached agreement with PT Matahari Lintas Cakrawala to provide a package of 15 channels to Indonesia's sole subscription-TV licensee.

• China's first privately funded bank, China Mingsheng Bank, will start operations this year, the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce head was quoted as saying.

• Cargill Inc. plans to trade rice from overseas on the Japanese market. The Nihon Keizai Shimbun said that would make the U.S. agricultural giant the first foreign rice importer in Japan. • Chinese investors snapped up 30 percent of this year's state treasury bonds issue, just 10 days after going on sale, the People's Daily said Tuesday.

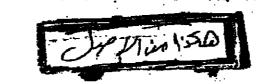
 Australia and France signed an agreement Tuesday for the exchange of regulatory information and investigative assistance relating to business deals.

• China's Guangdong Province aims to slow growth in 1995 when it must tackle such problems as inflation and a flood of migrant labor, Governor Zhu Senlin said Tuesday.

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# Sampras's Powerful Serve Puts Away Agassi in 3 Sets

By Robin Finn New York Times Service

INDIAN WELLS, California — It was a shadowy court, but an inspired Pete Sampras put on such a luminous display of tennis upon it that his frazzled opponent, Andre Agassi, was left in the dark to play an increasingly desperate game of catch-up in their straight-set sundown final at the Newsweek Champions Cup.

When Agassi could not close the gap, Sampras took advantage Monday night to create a larger gap in their positions as the world's top two players.

"The bottom line is, I want to be No. 1 at the end of the year," said Agassi, who has not yet committed 31 unforced errors been to the place Sampras has in a match that commenced in

frequented for 98 weeks, 79 of the stark desert sunshine and them consecutive.

his inimitable serve, like a torch predicted, a three-set clinic in controlled power tennis ensued. to light his way out of trouble. Sampras was in control throughout the 7-5, 6-3, 7-5 vic- me was my serve; I kind of lived tory, which earned him an 8-6 and died with it," said Sampras, edge in their rivalry.
"If we battle for the next 10

years, it'll be great for the game," said Sampras, who also used this title to avenge his loss to Agassi in the Australian Open final. "It's different when play Andre; it's like two heavyweights going at it be-cause Andre really is threaten-ing the ranking. He's the one guy in my mind where even if I

Sampras and Agassi each committed 31 unforced errors

# Labor Board to Issue Baseball Complaint

tional Labor Relations Board will issue an unfair labor practice complaint against the ma-

The attorneys, Chuck O'Connor and Frank Casey, were told sion of the general counsel." of the decision during a two-bour meeting with the NLRB's general counsel, Fred Feinstein, and its New York regional di-rector, Daniel Silverman.

"Suffice it to say, there are certain things the clubs did that the board does not take issue with. There are other areas that the board does, or will, contest through the issuance of a complaint," O'Connor said during a news conference on the sidewalk outside the agency's office.

agency, salary arbitration and signing policies.

The head of the players' union, Donald Fehr, was to meet with the agency Tuesday afternoon and afterward Feinstein was expected to ask the NLRB's five-member board for permission to seek a preliminary injunction in federal court.

The NLRB board has authorized all but one of Feinstein's injunction requests. If he pursues an injunction, he probably would file next week in U.S. District Court in New York. The case would be assigned to one of the 39 judges on the court, and the individual judge would set the hearing date.

hearing would either be late next week or during the week of March 27.

The pending board action had already prompted a delay thought had been set, or more.

Though a five-set epic was

play well, he can still beat me."

WASHINGTON - The Na- ers thought had been set. jor league baseball owners, law- not possible to comply with my yers for the teams said Tuesday request that the clubs put forafter meeting with the agency.

ing the negotiations, but would remain in contact with the two sides. O'Connor said no one

But the mediator, Bill Usery Jr., issued a statement saying, "The clubs have stated that it is ward their best offer until they can receive and assess the deci-

Usery said he was postponknew when talks would resume. (AP, NYT)

Agassi, whose relationship with his father and first mentor, Mike, has been a tumultuous one, revealed that his father will undergo open-heart surgery Tuesday in Las Vegas. In his on-court interview after the match. Agassi broke some new ground in that relationship by publicly telling his father that

concluded in the dark. But

Sampras used his best weapon,

"The one shot that did it for

who took advantage of Agassi's

imperfect backcourt game. "He

didn't seem quite as sharp as he

normally does, and that made a

It was Sampras's first tournament victory in 1995.

When they entered this final.

both players had shadows

hanging over their heads that had nothing to do with the

flickering and fading natural

since the Australian Open and

will have to do for the remain-

der of the year, played without

the encouraging presence of his mentor, Tim Gullikson. The coach is scheduled to begin che-

motherapy in Chicago later this

week to treat a brain tumor that

was diagnosed after he col-lapsed at the Australian Open.

Sampras, as he has had to do

difference."

And in an afterthought he knew his father would love, he promised to thrash Sampras the

next time they play.
But not if Sampras has anything to say about it.



Pete Sampras returning a volley during his 7-5, 6-3, 7-5 victory over Andre Agassi.

# Leading Draft Picks Fail NFL Drug Test

lineman Warren Sapp, the potential No. 1 pick in next month's National Football acted said they doubted Sapp's

League draft, and his team- failed drug tests would signifimate, the running back James cantly affect his draft status. Stewart, also a potential first-

Stewart, they said, failed only the marijuana test.

(The NFL, in a statement Tuesday, said reports that Sapp had "tested positive for cocain were "inaccurate." It also denied that Stewart had tested positive for any illegal substance.)

League policy states that any collegiate player who declares himself eligible for the NFL draft and subsequently tests positive for a banned substance is automatically entered into the league's drug program if and when that player signs a contract with a club.

In all, about six collegiate players failed drug tests, but Sapp and Stewart are believed to be the best known.

Both juniors, they declared their eligibility soon after the Hurricanes lost to Nebraska in the Orange Bowl, Sapp combines speed and power and is considered a major prospect. He won the Lombardi award last season as the top collegiate

Stewart, who had one of the fastest 40-yard dash times of cation."

PHOENIX Arizona — The bine, rushed for almost 800 University of Miami defensive yards in his final season with

Either Sapp or the Penn State round pick, both failed drug running back Ki-Jana Carter tests at the NFL scouting com-bine in Pebruary, according to pick in the draft, which belongs several club executives and peo-to the expansion Carolina Pan-According to people notified in writing by the league about the test results, Sapp failed both cocaine and marriuans tests.

day after a two-hour discussion among the 29 NFL owners on the team's proposed move to Si. Louis, Missouri, was halted when Commissioner Paul Tagliabue declared them hopelessly

Both Tagliabue and the Rams' president, John Shaw, confirmed that, by prior agreement, if no vote was taken this week, the move would be considered blocked.

League owners, who discussed the Rams' situation after asking their owner, Georgia Frontiere, and Shaw to leave the room, were advised in a letter from Missouri's attorney general, Jay Nixon, that he would file an antitrust suit in federal court if the NFL failed to approve the proposed move.

"You mean another antitrust lawsuit against the NFL? Come on," said Ralph Wilson, owner of the Buffalo Bills. "What of the Buffalo Bills. we're concerned about is what is in the best interests of the league. As of now, the Rams do not meet the guidelines for relo-(NYT; LAT)

#### SIDELINES

#### Jordan: Another Practice, No Word

DEERFIELD, Illinois (AP) - Michael Jordan again practiced with the Chicago Bulls, for the third time in less than a week, but The ruling would set the still did not announce whether he was returning to the NBA team. The Bulls' next full practice is Thursday, "and if he wants to injunction that would force the join us then, he can," their coach, Phil Jackson, said Monday.

owners to restore baseball's "I don't know if money's the issue," Jackson said. "Maybe he's new Jersey 1994 work rules relating to free making the decision as to how good this team can be when he plays with them. It's a challenge, maybe, to this club to play well enough so that, if he came back, we could have a chance."

# Rugby Union Forgives Pro Players

BRISTOL, England (AP) — Former rugby union players were given the green light Tuesday to return to the amateur ranks once

they have quit rugby league.

The International Rugby Football Board announced that former union stars who have turned professional can return after a unor three-year waiting period, but will be banned from playing Tests.

In a surprisingly frank statement, the board admitted that the current rules governing amateurism in rugby union aren't working. It called for a special meeting of the IRFB Council in August, following this summer's World Cup in South Africa, to discuss possible further changes.

#### For the Record

George Seifert, who coached the San Francisco 49ers to the Super Bowl championship, was given a two-year contract extension that will keep him with the team through the 1997 season at an average of \$1.4 million.

ESPN, in conjunction with the TVA/Abril Group, said it was launching a 24-satellite sports channel, ESPN Brazil, in June. (IHT) in the resumption of talks on

Leon Day, 78, a star pitcher in the Negro Leagues who was

Tuesday, the date the owners elected to baseball's Hall of Fame just last week, died in Balti-(AP)

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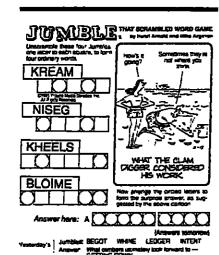
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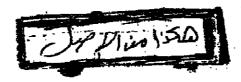




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# Herald Eribune **SPORTS**

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# Tapie Tells Accuser to 'Shut Up'

By Barry James

Bernard Tapie, the French politician and former president of the Olympique Marseille soccer team, who is accused of bribing players of a opposing team to lose, told Olympique's former general manager Tuesday to "shut your face" as the man described attempts to cover up the affair.

Judge Bernard Langlade suspended the trial for 20 minutes after Tapie shouted at Jean-Pierre

Bernès called Tapie a "crook" as he left the court-

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Bernès' lawyer, Gilbert Collard, said that Tapic had been threatening his client with "calls in the night" and demanded pro-

Bernès launched a bombshell during the first day of the trial, on Mon-day, when, for the first time after two years of questioning, he directly accused Tapie of instigating the plot to bribe players from the Valenciennes team to go easy during a league match in

Following its 1-0 victory over Valenciennes, Olympique Marseille won the French championship for the fifth straight time and defeated AC Milan in the European Champions'

Cup.
But after the bribery allegations surfaced, the French soccer league stripped Marseille of its tities, relegated the team to the second division and force Tapie out as club

Taking the witness stand in his own defense for the first time, Tapic said Tuesday he had no motive for bribing Valenciennes. He said Bernes' accusations were false and unsubstanti-

ated by anyone else. "Everyone was blaming him, so now he is saying it was me," Tapie said. Jean-Jacques Eydelie, the former Marseille player accused of offering the bribes, told the court that

"I have been to prison to protect Bernès. Mr. Tapie has always told me he was not aware" of the bribes.

# Police in England Arrest Grobbelaar, 2 Other Players

SOUTHAMPTON, England Goalkeepers Bruce Grobbelaar of Southampton and Hans Segers of Wimbledon and Aston Villa striker John Fashanu were arrested Tuesday in connection with match-fixing alle-

gations, police said. Also arrested were a Maiaysian businessman and Fashann's girlfriend. Grobbelaar was arrested at

his rented home in Lymington just before 7 A.M., while Segers was detained at his home in Fleet, Hampshire police said. Later in the day, Fashanu was arrested in Birmingham several hours after his girlfriend, Melissa Kassamapsi, was detained at her home in

north London. Hampshire police identified the fourth person arrested as Heng Suan Lim, a Malaysian businessman living in London. His arrest lent weight to allega-tions that a Malaysian gam-bling syndicate had been rigging matches in England.

ging matches in England.

No charges were immediately filed against the five, who were being held at police stations for questioning. They were expected to be held overnight.

A Hampshire police detective, Rod Davis, said the investigation of the control of the

tigation was continuing with other arrests possible. News reports said that as many as six Premier League players could be implicated.

Davis said Grobbelaar was arrested "on suspicion of being involved in a conspiracy to de-

"There is an operation going on which will probably expand the inquiry from that which was initiated in Hampshire seven

months ago," he said. Grobbelaar, 37, appeared stunned as he was led from his house after an hour of questioning by police. The Zimbabwean goalkeeper and former Liverpool star refused to comment as he left to be driven to Southampton police headquarters.

This morning Haines police undertook an operation into allegations of corruption involving football league matches," a police spokesman said. "The inquiry is now contimping and there may be more developments through the day but at the present time we can say nothing more than this."

Grobbelaar was put under investigation in November after a tabloid newspaper published allegations that he received bribes from a Far East gam-

bling syndicate to throw matches while playing for Liverpool.
Grobbelaar denied the charges, which were based on allegations made by his former Zimbabwean business partner, Chris Vincent

The Sun newspaper alleged that Grobbelaar received £40,000 (\$600,000) to allow goals during a match between Liverpool and Newcastle last season. The gambling syndicate allegedly made £3 million on the match, which Newcastle won, 3-0.

After the allegations against Grobbelaar were published, the Football Association charged him with misconduct but allowed him to continue playing while police pursued their inestigation. He has also continued to play in international matches for Zimbabwe.

The day after Grobbelaar was charged by the FA, Fasharm said attempts were being made to link him to the scandal Fashann, 31, is a well-known television personality in Britain as co-host of the Gladiators show. He is also a representative for UNICEF.

Fashamı joined Aston Villa this season after several years at Wimbledon, where he was a teammate of Segers.

The 33-year-old Dutch goalie joined Wimbledon in 1988 after earlier stints with Nottingham Forest, Sutton and Sheffield United. He was dropped for last Saturday's home game against Sheffield United, only the fifth match he has missed in five seasons.

"It's just come as a total shock to everyone here," said Wimbledon's assistant manager, Terry Burton. "We were just expecting to see him come in for training this morning.

"I'm shocked to hear anyone in this country could be involved in this sort of thing, let alone at Wimbledon. Hans has been our No. 1 'keeper for some time and obviously he's played

The FA said it would not prevent the three players from continuing to play, adding it was up to the clubs to decide on their lineups. "We remain convinced that

corruption is not rife in our national sport," the FA said in a statement. "To suggest that it is can be no more, no less than a stur on the integrity of hundreds of thousands of professional players who represent clubs up and down the country."



Police searched the garage of Aston Villa striker John Fashanu after his arrest Tuesday.

ley chipped in a free kick from 30 meters, Paul Furlong headed

# Chelsea Surprises Bruges, 2-0, Gains Cup's Semifinals

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Mark Stein got a goal and a tenacions second-effort assist as injury-riddled Chelsea stunned visiting Bruges, 2-0, Tuesday night to advance to the semifinals of the Cup Winners Cup.

Stein's efforts overturned a 1-0 loss in Bruges. But unlike the match Feb. 28, when hundreds of English fans were deported and arrested, the game in London was without major incident.

With as many as nine players nursing injuries, Chelsea's manager Glenn Hoddle had trouble assembling a lineup for the game. Scott Minto and Nigel Spackman, barely recovered from the measles and flu, respectively, made the starting 11, but top scorer John Spencer, goalkeeper Dmitri Kharine and Eddie Newton did not suit up.

Also missing was the team's captain, Dennis Wise, who received a three-month jail sentence Monday for assaulting a taxi driver. Freed pending appeal, he sat out the game with a thigh injury.

In heavy rain and sleet. Stein put Chelsea ahead in the 16th minute on a set play. Craig Bur-

"I know that President Havelange" of FIFA "is very seriously considering this aspect to our bid for 2002."

toured six European capitals together with his head of state.

The president, proud of his soccer days at high school, gives his personal seal to the World Cup bid. "The Olympic Games were

big for our country," says Kim, "but our people are so much more excited by the prospect of 2002. During the last World Cup, when

we played Germany" and lost, 3-2 - "two-thirds of the whole of

the nation, businessmen, Koreans from every walk of life, stayed

more to gain or to lose than Chung. In his second term as a member of the National Assembly, he has swopped defense

committee duties to lead sports and culture. Moreover, Chung is

chief executive of Hyundai, a giant among heavy industrial conglomerates which his father founded. All this, and posts as an

army lieutenant and a visiting university professor in business

HUNG, RECENTLY ELECTED to the FIFA hierarchy as a

vice president, has a mission to persuade sufficient votes out

"Trying to win the World Cup bid is my destiny," he says.
"Already, I think of football 24 hours a day. I will spend 99 percent of my time over the next year traveling. I want to bring every member who has a vote to Korea, because seeing is believing."

He acknowledges that the history of Japan and Korea makes for

a tense contest, but says, "The fact that this will be the first World

Cup in Asia is itself exciting. I hope it can be kept friendly; we are

then, of course, his FIFA colleagues will remember that the

Koreas have reached five World Cups, the newly engrossed

Japan appears at is one it does not have to qualify for?"

"Would it be fair play," asks Chung, "if the first World Cup

There's more. The J-League, with all its industrial sponsorship,

its foreign stars, is a fledgling compared to the Korean profession-

al league which has been up and running for a decade.
Franz Beckenbauer, Sir Bobby Charlton, Gary Lineker and

others are paid ambassadors for the Japanese bid. They are

gentlemen of the sport, the knights of the glad handshake, and

and it has Dentsu, the advertising company that owns 51 percent

final watched by a third of mankind, need not go to the home of

colleagues that, in spending power, in infrastructure, communica-tions and stadia, his bid will not be second best. Even without the

hure of the mammoth playground in the north, South Korea boasts 16 major arenas for which \$750 million is earmarked as a modern-

So the "friendly" battle has commenced. Japan, home of the

yen, versus Korea, a divided land with a yen to play the game. We shall hear much much more of this Far Eastern contest over the

Rob Hughes is on the staff of The Tories.

the sponsor, that the sponsor should follow the event.

It also has, more importantly, major backers within Fifa itself,

Chung knows all this. He argues that the World Cup, with its

His "seeing is believing" credo is aimed at convincing FIFA

studies, are secondary for a year to soccer.

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Of all the president's men seeking the World Cup, none has

President Kim Young Sam.

awake through the night."

it down, and Stein hooked it in from close range.

Stein and Furlong teamed up again in the 38th minute. Furlong saved a potential Bruges goal with a tackle in his

own penalty area, David Rocastle kicked the ball out to start the break, and Stein's determination won the ball from two defenders on the right sideline before his long cross was punched in by the hustling Furlong from 12 meters. Juventus 3, Eintracht Frank-

furt 0: Midfielder Antonio Conte, striker Fabrizio Ravanelli and the budding star Alessandro Del Piero scored three goals in 14 minutes late in the match to put the Turin team into the UEFA Cup semifinals. The teams had played to 1-1

draw in the first leg in Frankfurt two weeks ago.

Conte scored from six meters in the 78th minute on a perfect pass from Del Piero.

Ravanelli, again fed by Del Piero, scored his ninth season goal in the UEFA Cup with a precise diagonal shot from 12 meters in the 88th minute. Del Piero made it three in

injury time, in the 92d minute, as the disheartened German defense was at the mercy of the Italian league leaders. Polish striker Jan Furtok and

defender Manfred Binz had two clear scoring chances in the first half, but Juventus goalie Angelo Peruzzi made brilliant saves. Roberto Baggio, Juventus'

captain, was unimpressive in his third full match following a serious knee injury that sidelined him for 101 days. Borussia Dortmond 2, Lazio

0: Karlheinz Riedle scored with a header in injury time to put the home team into the UEFA Cup semifinals.

Lazio had won the first leg, 1-

0, two weeks ago. Riedle's goal came after the expulsion of Lazio's Argentine defender Jose Antonio Chamot, who got his second yellow card on Stephane Chapuisat.

Chapuisat took the free kick and sent a cross to the far post, where Riedle, always a threat in the air, rose above the Italian defense and headed in the ball.

Chapuisat had given Dort-mund the lead in the 11th minute by converting a penalty that came after Lazio goslkeeper Luca Marchegiani failed to control a shot by Chapuisa. from 25 meters. Riedle went after the loose ball and was brought down by Marchegiani.

From the spot, the Swiss striker shot low to the right. Marchegiani got a hand on the ball but could not stop it and Borussia erased Lazio's lead

talking about sporting competition, not life and death."

His smile is that of a tiger. There is, he reminds, a FIFA slogan
"Fair Play." So if there is fair play on historical soccer grounds. from the first leg.
In the 56th, Dortmund's Rene Tretschok had a goal disallowed for offside.

Odense 0, Parma 0: The Italian UEFA Cup team ended the fairy-tale campaign of the parttimers from Hans Christian Andersen's hometown.

Parma, the runner-up in last year's Cup Winners' Cup, guarded its 1-0 lead from the first leg with defensive tactics in the absence of suspended Colombian striker Faustino Asprilla.

Nantes 0, Leverkusen 0: The visitors easily became the second German team advance to the UEFA Cup semifinals, having won the first leg by 5-1.

Nantes, the runaway French leader, not only faced an uphill struggle, it could not start two key players because Reynald Pedros and Jean-Marc Ferri were suspended. (AP, Reuters)

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#### You bet he is. If João Havelange has one unfulfilled dream it is the Nobel Peace Prize for FIFA in his time as president, and if the vote just over a year from now were deemed important to a peace A monument to cold war between neighbors, it lay empty and silent while across a border patrolled by a million armed young process, that prize, already once nominated, is not an unreal goal. men, the youth of 160 nations competed in the Games. I remain But neither is Chung's a one-notion bid. Nor is he a one-man canvasser. Last week, shortly after presenting South Korea's 2002 portfolio to FIFA — in direct competition with Japan — Chung haunted by the fun we had in Seoul while, an hour's drive away, as

An Opening Salvo in an Asian Battle

PARIS — The most hollow place in recent sporting history had to be the 150,000-seat stadium built in North Korea at the time of the Olympic Games in Seoul in 1988.

if behind a shuttered window, North Koreans were kept isolated by their Communist regime.

Combat between the Koreas ended in 1953, but suspicion, propaganda and politics still divide them. Yet, today, there is a voice, a very major industrialist and parliamentarian from

Seoul, who suggests that if South Korea wins the nomination as host to soccer's 2002 peninsula

You find that farfetched? You think sport still is a remote and lightweight force in political persuasion? Well at least listen, as I

did days ago, to Mong Joon Chung.

"Korea is divided today," he said, "but one thing we have in common is football. South Korea qualified for four World Cup tournaments, North Korea for one.

"In 1991, both Koreas played as one team for the world youth championship in Portugal; we finished in the last four. Can you imagine the emotions of this in a place where we have 1.7 million

young soldiers confronting each other along the demarcation line? "If there is movement toward peace, we can hold some matches in the north. Why not? As you know, there is the largest modern

# For Barcelona, It's Likely to Be Bye-Bye in Champions' Cup Romario and Stoichkov) but si-

By Ian Thomsen

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national Herald Tribune PARIS — Coach Johan Cruyff is said to be thinking of quitting Barcelona this spring. His striker, Romanio, is long gone to Brazil while Romario's former partner, Hristo Stoichkov, is fed up with Cruyff. Cruyff, meanwhile, womies about Cruyff — his midfielder-son, Jordi, who is allegedly being treated unfairly by the club.

Everything suggests defeat as nandez, doesn't want his team Hagi, a sensation of last sum-Barcelona visits Paris St. Ger- choking on Barcelona's bones. mer's World Cup (along with SG or Barcelona.

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main and the second leg of the He has written in an attacking Champions' Cup quarterfinals go on across Europe Wednesday night. The likelihood of magnificent ascension no doubt raises a specter of panic for the unlikely favorites, who might prefer that Barcelona not be looking so easihy beatable — noting the 2-0 defeat last weekend at Atletico Madrid that almost doomed Barcelona's hopes of reclaiming the Spanish league title.

Paris SG's coach, Luis Fer-

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team led by the tournament's dominant striker, George Weah, who gave PSG a 1-1 draw in the first leg in Barcelona two weeks ago. He will be partnered by David Ginola, returning to grace after being held out of the last two matches, and supported by Valdo and Rai, the attacking Brazilians.

One hope for Barcelona comes with the likely return of Romanian midfielder Gheorghe Hagi, a sensation of last sum-

injured for the last four weeks. The only home team not expected to advance from the other quarterfinals is Benfica. Portugal's 2-0 loser at AC Milan in the first leg. One goal should

put Milan through in what has been a notoriously lethargic season for the defending European champions, but one more vellow card would suspend any of seven Milan first-teamers from the semifinal against Paris

IFK Gothenburg escaped the first leg with a scoreless draw against Bayern Munich. The

"Anyone who thinks we can

A straightforward victory is lent for most of this season, and anticipated for tournament favorite Ajax Amsterdam against Hajduk Split, following their scoreless first meeting in Cro-atia. Just last year, following a 1-0 defeat in Croatia, Ajax gave Split a 6-0 thrashing in the second leg of the Cup Winners' Cup opening round.

> young Swedish hero Jesper Blomqvist missed that one with a viral infection, but his return increases the odds against a Bayern without Jean-Pierre Papin and Lothar Matthäus, playing in the Ullevi stadium that already brought down Manchester United and Barcelona.

win the European Cup is dreaming. Our chances are 100,000 to 1," wrote Bayern's president, Franz Beckenbauer, in a newspaper after a 1-1 draw with Duisberg last weekend.

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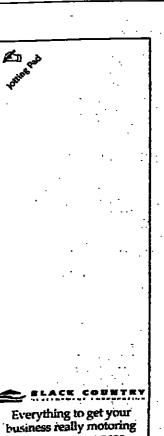
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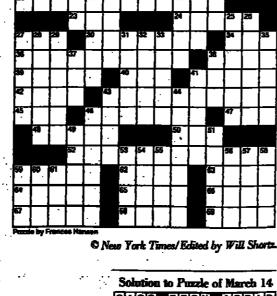
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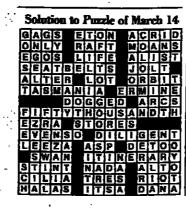
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# Dreamers, Axes in Hand

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK — After grousing about it for eternities, Republicans are finally making a sincere effort to destroy the welfare state.

For the past 60 years Republicans have been saying the welfare state was destroying us, or would destroy us, and we'd better destroy it first, or else.

When their chances came, though, Republicans as formidable as Dwight Eisenhower, Richard Nixon and Ronald Reagan always decided it was wiser to go on living with it.

Now the Newtites are at last doing their best to bring it down. This explains all the congressional activity aimed at afflicting the afflicted and comforting the comfortable. Republicans have decided to quit talking the talk and start walking the walk. Decided to bring down Ole Devil Welfare

Newt, lad! It's good to see somebody finally do more than talk, Newt, and everybody knows you're smart enough to talk 300 words a minute, teach school and make a monkey out of the Democratic Party all at he same time, but still

Eisenhower, Nixon, Reagan -those were serious men, as the guy told the punk about the Ma-lia people the punk was fooling around with. "Serious men," the guy said. When men like that decided to stay with the welfare state regardless of what the Republican boilerplate said, they didn't do it lightly.

The welfare state is now so old that most Americans now alive don't even know what was here before it came along. It is almost old enough for Social Security, and that's old.

Old. Newt. Old, you starryeyed young right-wingers with dreams of the triumphantly uninhibited total-market-world to

come. And here's what old

means: Entrenched in life, that's what it means. Set in its ways. Some parts not working too well. A pain in the neck, liver and lights to anybody who has to live with it, but a pain not easily escaped, because it's your heritage and your future.

But I am carried away into poetic delicacies inappropriate for political screeds. I should be content to note that the United States has been a welfare state for over a quarter of its existence. For so long that it might well be renamed "The United Welfare State of America."

Trying to destroy it now is like trying to destroy the American system. When planning to destroy government systems, sound practice suggests having something ready to replace them. Even then it's a risky bet. Witness Lenin, who planned to replace a destroyed system with Marx. police and prison.

The Newtites appear to be sentimental romantics. They seem to believe that once the welfare state is in ruins the good old days will resume, the good old system will cut in again, good old American human nature will prevail.

Actually the good old days were, as the book title says, terrible. Like them or not, these are

the good old days here and now.

Destroying the state without much idea of what might replace it was the program of the so-called "New Left," which yearned to improve the world in the 1960s and 1970s.

They were products of the anti-war passion of the Vietnam years. Their theory was that the United States was so dreadful a place that whatever it became after its destruction could only be better. Were you once a New Leftie, Newt?

New York Times Service

# Chita Rivera: The Comeback of a Volcanic Dancer

By David Richards Washington Post Service

MONTREAL — Chita Rivera is 62. She doesn't look it. She doesn't act it. She doesn't want to hear about it.

After all, in "Kiss of the Spider Woman," the Tony-winning musical coming to the National Theatre on Thursday, she kicks as high as any Rockette, shimmies like Josephine Baker in her prime and dances a floorboards. As the alluring Spider Woman herself, she even picks her way seductively (and fearlessly) over a web of steel dozens of feet above the stage. And she's barely panting

"Sure, it blows me away that I'm this age," Rivera says. "But I'll tell you the only thing that really upsets me. I sometimes feel I'm being iudged now in light of my age. I hope that's not true. I don't want people to say, 'Isn't it amazing she's doing all that in her 60s!' I want them to look at the work and say, 'Isn't it good!' But the age does seem to come up all

She knits what in its normal state

is a wrinkle-free brow. "I'll tell you what's really scary. My boys, the boys in the chorus, are 30, 31. I could be their mother. And male characters, a gay window dress-they're real sexy to me. I look at them er and a straight Marxist firebrand, the way I used to look at the guys are incarcerated in the same foul cell when I was that age. You know what with few prospects of getting out and I'm saying? You can go to jail for that! I mean, I'm still wearing leather.

"I think I'll know when it's time to put up the dancing shoes. But I keep reminding my daughter — and any-one else who is a friend — You must tell me if the skirts start to get too mind of that giddy window dresser, short. You must tell me when anything starts to look strange out there." Because if I flip out some Saturday night, I want to be the first to know.

For the time being, she needn't (her second) for best actress in a musical. Critics have always written enthusiastically about her performances in such shows as "Bye Bye Birdie," "Chicago" and "The Rink,"

but recently they have begun refer-ring to her as a legend.

For the 18-month North American tour of "Spider Woman," which began in November, she alone is billed above the title and is reportedly taking home the highest salary of her

Despite the preponderance of evidence, Chita does not think she's a star," notes Fred Ebb, the "Spider Woman" lyricist and a longtime friend, "She thinks she's Chita, one tango that leaves scorch marks on the of the gang, a member of the team, part of the chorus. There's nothing self-aggrandizing or pompous about her. What you see is what you get."

This particular afternoon, Rivera is dressed entirely in black — black pants, black shirt, black boots, black headband holding back her curly black hair. She's even sipping tea out of a black "Kiss of the Spider Woman" mug. The only suggestion of the lush, technicolor performance she gives every night is provided by her fingernails. They are jungle red.

On the surface, "Kiss of the Spider Woman" would seem to be the least likely of musicals. Based on the novel by Manuel Puig, which also inspired the 1985 movie of the same name, it unfolds in a Latin American prison, where torture and betrayal are regular occurrences. Its two principal even fewer of getting along. Yet "Spider Woman" ultimately celebrates the resilience of the human spirit and the will to survive, which is where

Aurora exists only in the feverish who constantly reruns her old movies in his head. As he does, she materializes onstage, an escapist fantasy in canary yellow feathers or white satin tails and rakish fedora, to take him

Rivera comes in.

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Nine years after she was badly injured in an auto accident, Rivera is back on stage and a hit in "Kiss of the Spider Woman."

view Aurora as something more, a divine being of sorts, who helps usher people into the afterlife, Rivers admits to a fascination with death. On the collar of her shirt she sports a miniature gold angel, its wings spread in flight, although right now the angel has somehow gotten turned around and looks to be plummeting straight toward Hell.

"A dancer gave me this seven years ago, when I was doing 'Can-Can,' worry. Rivera is at the pinnacle. As away from the sordid realities of the Aurora, the fabulous South American film goddess in "Spider Womcan," she won the 1993 Tony Award Rivera sees the character as a synhundred of them. I gave them to all thesis of Rita Hayworth and Mariene Dietrich — fire lapping at ice, abandon meeting restraint. Dietrich — fire lapping at ice, abandon meeting restraint — which accounts for the high theatricality of the performance. But she also likes to gel to sit on their shoulder. I guess it's

HE London play left in the lurch when

the actor Stephen Fry fled with stage

fright is closing two months early with losses of more than £300,000 (\$480,000).

Fry walked out of "Cell Mates," by Simon

Gray, shortly after its opening following harsh reviews of his performance, and was

missing for three days, prompting fears for

his safety. "He has got a lot to answer for, said the producer, Duncan Weldon. "He

part of my caretaker side. I like to stroke people, have them feel better. What can I say? I'm not a terribly complicated person. Some would even call me a goody-two-shoes. There's so much that's swell in life that I don't have a lot of time for the

negative." Nine years ago, her career almost came to an end. Rivera, then starring on Broadway in "Jerry's Girls," was making a U-turn on West 86th Street late one Sunday night when a taxi slammed into her Datsun 280-Z. Her two passengers escaped with minor injuries, but the fibula and the tibia of Rivera's left leg were broken in a dozen places. Two operations (and 12 tiny screws) put the leg back together, but there was some doubt as

to whether Rivera, the most volcanic

of dancers, would be able to resume her profession. It wasn't, however, a doubt that she herself entertained. .. "It never entered my mind," she recalls. "I guess I'm a bit naive and my naivete protects me. I thought, I just remember seeing the sadness on this little Oriental man's face. Nome. But I knew it was him. So I said.

O. K., I've been hit.' And the prayers started. They had to cut the top of the roof to get us out. Blood everywhere. I never saw a picture. Didn't want to. body told me he was the man who hit. 'I'm fine, I'm fine.' I didn't realize I had screwed up badly until much later, when the X-ray technician, who was a darling, came into my hospital room, held up my X-rays and said, 'Boy, you really did a good job on yourself.' And I said, 'Oh, [exple-

"But that's where the old training kicks in Dancers are so obedient. We do whatever the choreographer tells us to do. Jerry Robbins could tell me to jump off a building and land on the left foot and Pd say, 'O. K.,' because I know he knows what he's talking about. After the accident, I had the best doctor and the best therapists — the silent angels. I call them—and I did exactly what I was told. I thought of the doctor as my father. I wanted him to be pleased with me. So when I walked back and forth in that damn hallway, I really made an effort to force the heel down the right way so that he would say, It

looks good, Chita, looks good. Eleven months later, she was up and dancing. Eighteen months later, she had signed to star in a grueling national tour of "Can-Can." "It never occurred to me that 'Can-Can' is nothing but dancing," she notes.
"And I had done the original production with Gwen Verdon, which was a killer. So I said to my choreographer, O. K., you get four cartwheels and you can have four splits."

She delivered them. "Dancers are the workhorses of the theater," she says. Like athletes, they go to the challenge. Tve always worked hard. It's the only way I know I'm doing something. Hopefully, there's no sweat and I am elegant enough to look as if I am galloping along. But I am a workhorse,"

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totally obliterated business." "Cell Mates," which opened in February, had been expected to run until late May. . 0. Anita Baker, Boyz II Men and Barry White each won two honors at the Soul Train Music Awards. Baker won awards for her rhythm-and-blues single "Body and Soul" and album "Rhythm and Love." Boyz II Men won for their album "II" and the single "I'll Make Love to You," and White won for best R&B song by a male best R&B album.

> Marie Carie has been honored with entry into the Panthéon, the resting place of France's illustrious dead, as President



**PEOPLE** 

Anita Baker, on the Soul Train.

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Carl Sagan is taking a leave of absence from Cornell University to be treated for a rare bone marrow disease. The astronomer, 60, said that the disease was curable and that "I fully expect to be back at Cornell by next semester." His statement said that his condition was not cancer, but that it risked becoming cancer if not

0. The French singer and actress Vanessa Paradis had her lawyer enter a not guilty plea in Montreal on drug posses charges. The court set a June 26 trial date. Customs officials at Montreal-Dorval airport said they found three grams of hash-

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